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IT'S MISSION IMPOSSIBLE!

The Socceroos leave for Kuwait and Iran this week on what amounts to Mission Impossible.

And they leave without **Harry Williams** who couldn't get time off from his studies, and **Murray Barnes** who is injured.

Australia must beat Kuwait and Iran and at the same time hope that South Korea beats Iran in Teheran in the next scheduled group match on Friday (Saturday our time).

Even then, Iran could qualify for the World Cup finals ahead of Australia, as it still has to meet Hong Kong at home and Kuwait away.

The Socceroos warmed up with a 2-0 win over the NSW under 21 team last Sunday and will have a return match under floodlights tomorrow (Thursday) night.

On Sunday, they will meet the Singapore national team in Singapore. By that time they will know the results of the Iran v. South Korea and Kuwait v. Hong Kong World Cup matches.

By the time the Socceroos line up for their next World Cup matches, against Kuwait on November 19; the group is likely to look like this: Iran 9 points (5 games), Australia 7 points (6 games), Kuwait 7 points (6 games), South Korea 7 points (7 games), Hong Kong no points (6 games).

Socceroo coach **Jim Shoulder** must be hoping that South Korea will snatch at least one point from Iran in their match on Friday.

The Koreans held Kuwait to a 2-2 draw in Kuwait last Saturday in spite of having captain Kim Ho Kon sent off the field for six minutes into the second half.

The Koreans dominated the first half and scored in the 18th minute after four short passes in the goal area led to a final shot by the brilliant **Cha Bum Keun.**

According to cable reports, Kuwait used at least three men who did not play in its 2-1 victory over Australia in Sydney — **Abdulla Masyoul, Badr Bouabbas** and **Faisal Dakhil.**

Dakhil equalised only two minutes after half time and **Fati Kamil,** the man who scored the first goal against Australia, hit the post.

Bouabbas put Kuwait into the lead from a pass by **Abdul-Aziz Anbari.**

The Koreans, visibly angry over Kim Ho Kon's send-off, converted their emotions into positive, attacking football, and were

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Cross wins Cup

Ken Reed (left), one of the most consistent goalscorers in Victorian State League history, heads home the goal that put George Cross on the road to victory in the State League Cup final at Olympic Park last Sunday.

Trying unsuccessfully to stop Reed's header is Slavia's star defender Jim Symington, who later had to leave the ground due to injury. Slavia goalkeeper Peter Clarke is on the ground.

The Cup completed a double for George Cross, which had earlier won the championship. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

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See you in '78

This is the last "Soccer Action" for 1977. We'll be back on January 25, in time for the Ampol Cup competitions.

"Soccer Action" thanks its many advertisers and commends their products and services to the readers of our paper.

We also thank our many correspondents and contributors, including Rale Rasic, Leif Jensen, Sam Belfonte and Ann Jensen, who has the mammoth task of compiling the Victorian junior ladders every week.

Talking about juniors, we repeat our invitations to junior associations throughout Australia to submit their league ladders every week.

Only Victoria and the Illawarra region of NSW so far use this service.

We also thank the various State Federations, the national league and the Australian Soccer Federation for their help and co-operation.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year. See you in 1978.

— LAURIE SCHWAB, the editor.

BOGGI, ANDERSON GET TOP JOBS

Former national coach Tony Boggi and Sydney soccer writer Tom Anderson became national league coaches last week.

Boggi was appointed by Fitzroy Alexander to replace **John Margaritis** who has switched to West Adelaide Hellas.

Anderson replaced **Kaz Kulak** at Sydney Olympic. His first move was to appoint former Auburn captain **Frank Maione** as his assistant.

Both Boggi and Anderson are well known to **"Soccer Action"** readers. Boggi was a columnist with us last year and Anderson was with us for most of this year. He is also soccer writer for the **"Daily Mirror"** in Sydney.

Tony Boggi was Alexander's caretaker coach for two weeks during the season, between the resignation of **Jim Adam** and the appointment of Margaritis.

Boggi coached Alexander two years ago but resigned due to ill health.

He was Victorian State coach for four years. During that time Victoria achieved its only victory over a touring English side, beating Bristol Rovers 2-1.

After **Rale Rasic** resigned as national coach Boggi led the Socceroos for six months in 1975.

Under Boggi, they beat Glasgow Rangers and China, drew with Benfica and lost to Manchester United.

In the mid-sixties Boggi and Rale Rasic, who was beginning his career, were coaches at Essendon Triestina where Boggi also played.

In 1970 Boggi coached the legendary Juventus team that won the State League championship, State League Cup and Dockerty Cup. Stars of that team included **Tommy McColl, George Kinnell, Dino DeMarchi, Bobby Thompson, Sandy Irvine, Bryan Thomson, Jock Goodwin, Gareth Salisbury, Ron Frost, Jack Reilly** and **Keith Webster.**

Keilor-Austria and Frankston City were other clubs Tony Boggi has coached.

He will get more closely acquainted with his players when they go to Shepparton for a game on

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Barkers' future in doubt

Mooroolbark's leadership is reported to be split on the club's future.

Some favor withdrawing from the national league, others want to persevere.

The club is about $30,000 in debt. To make up some of the money, the club has transfer-listed seven players, including stars **Paul** and **Geoff Ontong** and **Dave Rigby.**

Now there is talk about Mooroolbark perhaps joining forces with another club to strengthen its position for next season.

Negotiations are under way with Ringwood Wilhelmina.

If those negotiations fail, Mooroolbark may approach other clubs.

Some see co-operation with Juventus as the answer. Juventus has applied to join the national

Italian Cup attracts field of 16

The "Italian Cup 1977" will kick-off on Saturday at 1 pm with the game Fawkner v. Nunawading United.

All the games will be played at Smith Reserve, Jukes Road, Fawkner, Vic. home ground of the Fawkner Soccer Club.

been divided in four groups and on the first three weeks of the competition, four 70-minute games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays.

The games will kick-off at 1 pm, 2.30 pm, 4 pm, 5.30 pm.

The winners of each group will play the semifinals on Sunday December 4. and the finals will be

The 16 teams are: Group A — Juventus, Ascot United, Vermont, Bulleen; Group B — Essendon City, East Carlton, Stradbroke, Bundoora; Group C — Fawkner, Nunawading, Regent, Croxton; Group D — Thomastown, Central Brunswick, East Brunswick, Ken-

SOCCEROOS' TOUR BADLY PLANNED

Boredom was yet another opponent

By JOHN TAYLOR who travelled with the Socceroos to Seoul and Hong Kong.

While tourists throughout the world would give their right arm to be accommodated in luxury hotels in Asia, this was not the case with Australia's soccer players in South Korea and Hong Kong.

One of the prime reasons that the Socceroos became utterly bored on their overseas World Cup assignment in these two cities was that they stayed too long in plush hotels.

Soccer players are no different to any other sportsmen.

They need to relax in more natural surroundings.

The style of living the players were forced to comply with in Seoul and Hong Kong certainly didn't help to boost team morale.

One must not forget though that the players were under tremendous psychological pressure from the start of their two week tour.

From the moment the team flew out of Sydney on October 18, those losses to Iran and Kuwait were still at the back of the players' minds.

What's more the Socceroos were being reminded of those defeats, especially by the Koreans.

Training facilities in South Korea have always posed difficulties for touring teams.

Lack of grass is the biggest problem.

So, it was expected that the Australians would train on clay-covered surfaces until the issue was forced and they could get the feel of the city's Municipal Stadium.

The Australians were based at the Seoul Tokyu Hotel — right smack in the middle of a busy thoroughfare.

What advantages did this hotel provide?

It was close to the main stadium where the team trained twice and it was handy for the players to do some shopping.

Coach Jimmy Shoulder didn't have to enforce any curfew — although he never does — because the government has its own midnight to 4 a.m. curfew.

And security at the hotel was very strict as well!

Shoulder can be thankful that the players employed their own self discipline.

But it seems to me the team would have been far better off based in the mountains at Academy House, like they were in 1969.

While the players would have been secluded at least they would have had more pleasant surroundings of a woodland setting.

Based there they could have played foot tennis or table tennis and moved about without being congested.

One must feel a little sympathetic towards the inexperienced Shoulder for the Koreans tried so hard to upset his training preparations.

On two occasions the Socceroos' training was interrupted by school athletic meetings.

But while the low moments outweighed the high spots in Seoul, the visit to the Australian Ambassador's residence in the mountains won't be forgetten by the Australian party.

It was a hair-raising experience and yet one which gave the players a tremendous laugh.

The fact that the driver got lost, almost bumped aside any vehicle in his path on the very narrow roads and almost went over a cliff edge really was funny when one looks back.

But the general feeling of the players after the Cup match against South Korea was that they were glad to see the end of Seoul.

They were looking to a more civilised environment and better training facilities in Hong Kong.

But it was unbelievable to think that the Australian team could be in Hong Kong for a week and not a solitary tour was arranged for the players.

The Lee Gardens Hotel was only a stone's throw from the South China ground, which was the Australian's main training ground.

Walking to the ground was a plus factor.

Nobody could complain about the excellent western style food in the hotel.

But once again this hotel didn't provide a swimming pool or a recreation room.

Not that it really matters, but I wonder what sort of impression international travellers form when they see a bunch of Australian footballers coming up the escalators just dripping with perspiration after a training session in the humidity of Hong Kong.

It's certainly not a great advertisement for Australia.

One Australian, now living in Hong Kong, was absolutely stunned when he visited the Lee Gardens Hotel and saw one of our players kicking a ball around the lobby.

"Why on earth is a football team staying here?", he asked.

"There are hotels on the Kowloon side with swimming pools and games rooms," he said.

It's always wise to talk after the event but the Socceroos definitely needed a practice match after leaving Seoul. It would have helped to relieve the boredom.

Geographically it would have been ideal for the team to fly from Seoul, then play a warm-up game in Japan before heading back to Hong Kong.

Japan is probably the most expensive city in the world today — but Hong Kong is not far behind.

Well, the Australians did pick up three points from those two games and did keep their slim World Cup hopes alive.

At least they received a more responsive homecoming than the farewell they got from the code's leading administrators.

It will be rather ironic should Australia get up and win this Asian zone qualifying tournament for Shoulder's contract with the ASF terminates when Australia's world cup participation is over.

Australia plays its final game against Iran on November 25 and that's the day looming as Shoulder's last with the national team.

He'll survive if Australia makes it through to the World Cup finals, but only the supreme optimist would be game enough to forecast that happening.

The ASF officials must look to 1982.

It's either splash out big money to attract a top European coach or appoint a man who knows the set-up and players here.

But whatever the men at the top decide, it has to be done quickly — not in two years' time.

South Melbourne Hellas president Sam Papasavas.

Hellas hopes to build next year

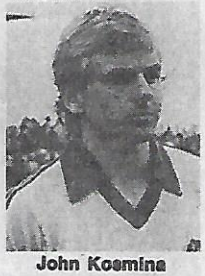
South Melbourne Hellas will start building its $300,000 licenced social club at Middle Park in January or February if it beats an appeal against its Board of Works permit, club president Sam Papasavas said this week.

The appeal, by 246 people opposed to the building of the club, will be heard by the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal on November 14, 15 and 16.

If the appeal is unsuccessful, Hellas will be able to proceed with an application to South Melbourne Council for a building permit — a formality.

Almost immediately, work would begin on removing the hill at Middle Park, to make room for the building, and foundations would be laid in January or February.

Martyn Crook



John Kosmina

Crook leaves for England

By Meno Toutsidis

West Adelaide Hellas goalkeeper Martyn Crook will fly to England next week for a six-week trial with England club Middlesbrough.

Crook has been granted permission by Hellas to try his luck with Middlesbrough.

Crook and Socceroo **John Kosmina** were contacted last week by manager **John Neale** about the possibility of them flying to England.

Kosmina said he was interested but was unable to do so because of World Cup commitments.

Kosmina will write to the English club concerning his position.

Crook was further contacted two days later by 'Boro team manager **Harold Shepherdson** and told to get his passport ready.

Hellas chairman Dr. Arthur Zaikos said his club would ask 'Boro to insure Crook for $100,000.

Crook, 20, made the **"Soccer Action"** team of the year recently.

He migrated to Adelaide with his family from England 13 years ago.

Probably the best handler of the ball in Australia, Crook impressed Hellas' guest player from Middlesbrough, **Graeme Souness**, during his six-week stint with the club last June.

Commenting on his move to England, Crook said: "I'm really looking forward to trying my luck in England, but right now things are moving at a frightening pace."

Meanwhile Kosmina's future in Australia is uncertain.

He has received an offer from another English club and is keen to prove himself in Europe.

He told me that if Australia qualifies for the World Cup he would still like to go to England for about three months.

If the Socceroos are eliminated he would then be prepared to try his luck in England and possibly West Germany.

He has also shown an interest in America.

Kosmina was on loan from Polonia this year.

Meanwhile a First Division club is poised to sign former Australian Rules player **Julian Swinstead** who wants to turn to soccer.

The club did not want to be named until the signing goes through.

Italy gets set for Nov. 16

The following is the Italian squad for the World Cup qualifying game against England at Wembley on November 16:

	Club	Birthday	Caps	Goals
Goal:				
DINO ZOFF	Juventus	Feb 28, 1942	59	0
LUCIANO CASTELLINI	Torino	Dec 12, 1945	1	0
Defence:				
GIACINTO FACCHETTI	Internazionale	July 18, 1942	92	3
ANTONELLO CUCCEREDDU	Juventus	Oct 4, 1949	3	0
CLAUDIO GENTILE	Juventus	Sept 27, 1953	9	1
GAETANO SCIREA	Juventus	May 25, 1953	5	0
MARCO TARDELLI	Juventus	Sept 24, 1954	12	0
ROBERTO MOZZINI	Torino	Oct 22, 1951	4	0
Midfield:				
GIANCARLO ANTOGNONI	Fiorentina	April, 1954	22	6
ROMEO BENETTI	Juventus	Oct 20, 1945	35	1
FABIO CAPELLO	Milan	June 18, 1946	32	6
RENATO ZACCARELLI	Torino	Jan 16, 1951	9	0
Forwards:				
FRANCO CAUSIO	Juventus	Feb 1, 1949	29	1
CLAUDIO SALA	Torino	Sept 8, 1947	13	1
ROBERTO BETTEGA	Juventus	Dec 27, 1950	11	9
FRANCESCO GRAZIANI	Torino	Dec 16, 1952	17	8
PAOLINO PULICI	Torino	April 27, 1950	15	6

(Does not include World Cup tie v Finland)

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Dave Maclaren

Ten face the chop

South Melbourne Hellas' new manager Dave Maclaren said this week he will reduce his senior squad to 16.

This means up to 10 players face the chop.

Maclaren said he would announce in four weeks' time which players will no longer be required.

He added that he hoped to have four players signed by that time.

One of them, midfielder **Bertie Lutton** has been bought from Hakoah-Easts for $8500.

The others are **Sammy Wright** from Wolverhampton Wanderers, one player from Britain, and one from "Western Europe."

It is believed the European is from Sweden.

Meanwhile, defender **Malcolm Manley** who was imported from England during the year, has returned home.

Maclaren said he would call his players together on December 1 for a talk and begin training on December 6.

The 1978 season starts on March 5.

Asked how he felt about the pressure on him to produce results at Hellas, Maclaren said:

"I will strive towards building a good understanding with our spectators for in the final analysis they are the only ones who matter.

"We will aim at giving them entertainment not only by winning but by winning attractively."

Newcastle must get in - despite the bye!

By RAY BAARTZ
Former Socceroo, now manager of Newcastle United

It's 1978 or bust for Newcastle United, the newly-formed club which could carry the Northern NSW flag into the National league next season.

Anticipation is at fever pitch in Newcastle as the club waits for a decision on its application to enter the big league.

Popular opinion in Northern NSW is that the league and Australian soccer would benefit from United's inclusion in the league.

Interest in Newcastle is so intense that I feel obligated to return to the playing field next season for Newcastle United, and I've been training hard to meet the standard.

Northern NSW is considered the best soccer nursery in Australia but — until now our best young players have had to go to Sydney to gain recognition.

The formation of Newcastle United has given our best youngsters the incentive to stay in the area, with the opportunity to play in the top bracket of Australian soccer.

Many people in the north consider Newcastle as the birthplace of Australian soccer and the area has a proud tradition of producing top players.

Current World Cup squad members **Peter Stone** and **Col Curran** are Newcastle products and Newcastle's representative commitment could be greater if United plays in the league next season.

The club directorate feels that Newcastle is ripe for immediate inclusion. We anticipate our side will be equal to the best in the league and our coach, **Alan Vest,** enjoys a great working relationship with myself and other members of the club executive.

Alan former star of the New Zealand national team has a great coaching record in New Zealand and more recently Western Australia and Rochdale (England). He is currently in the UK recruiting players for Newcastle.

The club executive is promotion-minded and we feel that Newcastle has the potential to repeat the successes enjoyed by Brisbane and Adelaide clubs in the national league.

United has secured the use of the Newcastle International Sports Centre as a home venue.

The stadium was completed in 1970 and it gives the club the best facilities and ground in the league.

The stadium is equipped with modern facilities for referees, officials and players and the complex includes licenced premises and a licenced restaurant.

Alan Vest and I have received perfect support from the club executive which we consider is the equal of any professional sports organisation in Australia.

The administration is a blend of legal, medical, business and soccer know-how that should push the club to the forefront of Australian soccer.

The club is determined to strive for '78 or bust. We will accept admission as a 15th or 16th team or whatever.

We've examined the prospects of being included as a 15th team and have concluded that what we've got to offer the league easily outweighs any drawbacks that might arise from the bye situation.

We've already got plans to launch an apprenticeship scheme which, in a few years, should see most of Newcastle United's players coming from the local area.

Newcastle knows that some interstate observers see us as another Sydney club. On the contrary, we're from a separate soccer State that stretches from Gosford to the Queensland border and has traditionally enjoyed a healthy rivalry with Sydney.

United has been promised support by all sections of the Newcastle community including local government and the media.

Our bid has received fantastic press coverage and NBN Channel 3, which is the largest regional TV station in Australia, is keen to handle our match telecasts.

We're looking forward to welcoming the existing league clubs to Newcastle next season and we're keen to fly our flag in their cities too.

SYDNEY, 1973: Ray Baartz (right) leaps high against South Korean goalkeeper Byun Ho Yung in the World Cup qualifying match that ended in a 0-0 draw. Baartz played 48 full internationals for Australia from 1967 until he was seriously injured in Australia's 2-0 victory over Uruguay at the Sydney cricket ground in early 1974. He was partly paralysed for a while and gave up soccer on medical advice. At the time he was at the peak of his career, starring with Hakoah-Easts and consistently finishing among the NSW First Division top scorers. Earlier he had spent two seasons with Manchester United in England, to improve his soccer. Baartz, now 30, has fully recovered from the injury and intends to play for Newcastle United if the club is accepted into the national league.

Rumors denied

Footscray J.U.S.T.'s brilliant centre backs Jim Kondarios and Jim Kriaris have strongly denied rumors that they will join Fitzroy-Alexander.

They said unofficial approaches had been made to them by Alexander supporters.

However, they were adamant that they would not join the Fitzroy club.

Both are confident that J.U.S.T. will have an outstanding season in 1978, especially since coach **Cedo Cirkovic** has decided to stay at J.U.S.T.

Meanwhile J.U.S.T. will honor long-serving masseur **Roger Mervic** who died recently, by naming its best player award after him.

The club's presentation night will be sponsored by Risto Nova Fashion Menswear.

German coach is available

Bernd Patzke (pictured) who played 24 international matches for West Germany and appeared in two World Cups, is seeking a position as coach abroad.

It is an excellent opportunity for an Australian club or Federation to win the services of a qualified coach of the continental school.

Patzke holds the West German Soccer Federation 'B' coaching licence.

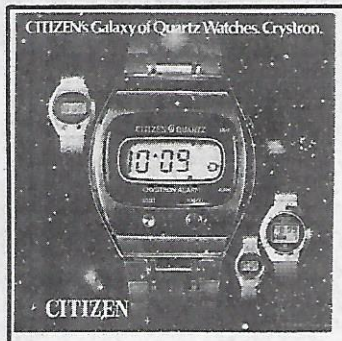
Clubs interested can contact Patzke at the following address:

Kaethe-Kolwitz-Strasse 10
6780 Pirmasens,
West Germany.

Apart from playing 24 'A' internationals for West Germany, Patzke also had two international amateur matches, one international junior match and seven international youth matches.

He was a star with **Hertha BSC Berlin, Standard Liege** in Belgium and **TSV Munich 1860.**

Born on March 14, 1943, Patzke speaks fluent English, German and French.



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Rajko Curcija won Eltham's best player and top scorer's awards at the club's presentation night.

Alan Raynes was runner-up in the best player voting, followed by **John Cochrane** and **Les Gooney.**

A "first" award for Clubmen of the Year went to popular **Andy Lee**, who received a cheque for $50.

Best Reserve player was **Stewart Taylor** and **Gordon McIntosh** won the second prize. Reserves top scorer was **Fred Vanderalik.**

Eltham is anxious to recruit anyone who is interested in playing or assisting in the organisation of the Club for next year. Further information can be obtained by ringing Gordon Kirkwood on 347 1544, Ext. 231 or Tony Watson on 438 1610.

New coach

Broadmeadows City has appointed Don Jordon coach for the 1978 season.

In the 1976 season Jordon brought the club up to Third Division and he is now looking ahead to Second Division.

New players are welcome. Contact Mr S. Slazyk (secretary) Ph. 338 5708.

There will be a players' meeting tomorrow (Thursday) at Laura Douglas Reserve, King Street, Broadmeadows.

Waverley's Joe Katz (left), Dave Cooper and Paul Cleveland (right) hoist up their captain Ian Humble and the Federation Cup.

Melbourne 'babes' outclassed

By LAURIE SCHWAB

WAVERLEY CITY 2 (Stocca 25th., Whitehurst 82nd). MELBOURNE 1 (Mihalj 46th.) at Olympic Park.

Player ratings:
WAVERLEY: Morton 6; Storey 7, Cleveland 6, Humble 6, Wilson 7, Cooper 6, Sharp 8, Katz 7, Loh 8, Whitehurst 7. Stocca 7.

MELBOURNE: Kiss 7; Diamantaris 5, Csifo 5, Kotaridis 7, Erdeg 6, Baker 7, Mihalj 6 (injured, sub. Hull 65th.), A. Toth 5, Fowler 6, Drinoczki 6, Vukovic 5 (Czik 73rd.).

Very young teams are also very inconsistent. So it was with Melbourne, which showed great form in beating Knox City in the semi-finals but failed badly in the final against Waverley at Olympic Park last Sunday.

The Melbourne babes were simply no match for Waverley.

Their midfielders had a nightmare first half against the Waverley trio, **Dave Sharp, Joe Katz** and **Dave Cooper.** In the second half **Ralph Baker** and **Peter Mihalj** improved dramatically but Mihalj limped off injured in the 65th. minute, leaving Baker as the team's only effective midfielder.

Baker may have played some shrewd, imaginative long passes and indeed, he set up the goal for Mihalj just after half time, but Waverley remained much more active and much more productive in build-ups.

Sharp was the hardest worker on the field and Katz used the ball very well.

Young **Mick Loh** had yet another good match, although he petered out towards the end. However, you can't blame him for that, because apart from looming as a constant menace to Melbourne in attack, he also dropped back to help in midfield and even in defence.

Full backs **Storey** and **Wilson** added to Waverley's thrust with their raids down the flanks and forwards **Whitehurst** and **Stocca** offered themselves in all situations, always eager to try for goal.

Goalkeeper **Morton** was fully competent without really being tested and centre backs **Cleveland** and **Humble** had a relatively leisurely afternoon.

Melbourne had a few glaring weaknesses which may have been due to nerves. **George Csifo,** who had been so good against Knox, had a disastrous first half in defence; young rightback **Diamantaris** was beaten much too often; left winger **Tom Vukovic** was inactive; midfielder-forward **Attila Toth** was too slow and too unproductive and forward **Stuart Fowler,** although busy, played too far back.

Fowler should have been right up against Waverley's last line, and he should have had through balls put over his head, so he could take advantage of his speed.

The bright spots of Melbourne's play were the desperate goalkeeping of **Joe Kiss** and the tireless work of centre back **George Kotaridis.**

Early in the game **Whitehurst, Katz** and **Wilson** opened up the right side of Melbourne's defence three times in quick succession. Then, after a Waverley corner, **Csifo** hit the crossbar of his own goal.

In the 25th. minute Csifo put his foot in the way of a Waverley shot, deflecting the ball out to Stocco who rammed it back for Waverley's first goal.

For all of Waverley's superiority, Vukovic should have equalised soon after when **Paul Drinoczki** headed down the ball for him, but Vukovic hit goalkeeper Morton from three metres.

Then Kiss made a great save from Stocca.

A minute after half time **Ralph Baker** took the ball right up to the Waverley defence, which was playing the offside game.

Baker could have speared the ball to **Karl Erdeg** who had overlapped on the left, but instead he stabbed it through the defence, into the open.

Peter Mihalj darted through, giving himself an unimpeded run to goal, and he deftly stroked the ball past Morton for the equaliser.

Ian Humble should have wrapped up the game for Waverley when he had a perfect chance in front of the open goal when Kiss was left stranded out of position after he had gone up for a high ball from Katz. However, Humble thought too slowly and was unable to make the most of his chance.

Whitehurst pounced on the ball after Diamantaris had made a costly error at full back, but Kiss dashed out, right to the edge of the penalty area, to pounce at Whitehurst's feet.

In the 65th. minute Mihalj was injured in a clash with Loh and replaced by **David Hull,** who returned recently from 12 months in New Guinea.

Hull was a full back in Melbourne's State League days, but he played in midfield when he came on.

Eight minutes later, Melbourne coach **Sam Myer** made another change, bringing **Tim Czik** on for Vukovic. An earlier positional change, had been the replacement of Drinoczki by Toth at centre forward. Drinoczki was now playing in defence.

Baker played an excellent long ball over the defence, and Fowler beat off opponents to run onto it. Heading for goal alone, he tried to lob it over Morton but Morton managed to get a touch and deflect it past the post.

The referee robbed Melbourne of what may have been a goal when he failed to apply the advantage rule when Toth was brought down. Toth had managed to get the ball out to Hull before he was downed, and Hull was heading for goal unopposed when the referee pulled back play.

The winning goal came eight minutes from the end. David Copper crossed the ball from the right wing. It went over the defenders' heads to Whitehurst who took a few steps inside and smashed the ball into the net.

Keilor travellers to meet Lions

Keilor City, just back from Tasmania, will meet Essendon Lions at Churchill Reserve, on Sunday.

The match is part of the transfer deal for goalkeeper Danny Lacok who switched to Lions during the year.

Keilor City players stayed at the Hobart Casino last Sunday and fronted up to Tasmanian champions White Eagles at the Eagles' King George The 5th Ground.

Keilor line up: 1. V. Schirripa, 2. R. Pasciczny], 3. Reinhard Kinkel, 4. M. Tasevski, 5. Richard Kinkel, 6. L. Van Leewen, 7. A. Matina, 8. C. Presilski, 9. G. Altheim, 10. V. Kotevski, 11. L. Korosidis, 12. S. Italia, 13. D. Dinami, 14. J. Dukic.

White Eagles: 1. R. Rybak, 2. D. Treuman, 3. D. Forshaw, 4. L. Nunn, 5. H. Gorniak, 6. B. McKay, 7. M. Richards, 8. G. Jenkins, 9. M. Oakes, 10. P. Linnel, 11. M. Southworth, 12. C. Witek, goal: G. Stenhouse. 13. E. Kempa.

Matina scored for Keilor after 16 minutes as he coolly chipped a through pass from Presilski over the advancing goalkeeper.

A break down of the right wing saw the Eagles' Jenkins float a perfect pass to Oakes who converted.

Then a shot by Southworth saw Richard Kinkel score an own goal as he deflected a shot past his own keeper.

Lenny van Leeowen, after good lead-up work by Russel Pasciczny], dribbled past three Eagles defenders and slipped the ball past the advancing goalkeeper to make the half time score 2-2.

In the 60th minute Vlado Kotevski received a through pass, rounded the advancing goalkeeper and put City 3-2 ahead.

Best players for Keilor: M. Tasevsky, R. Pasciczny], C. Presilski. Best players for White Eagles was their striker M. Oakes.

After the match Eagles invited the Keilor players back to the Polish club, providing them with a meal, refreshments and kind hospitality.

Eagles are obviously a club which will do well again next season.

Keilor thanks them.

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rewarded in the 82nd minute when **Choi Jong Duk** equalised with a 20-metre free kick.

Australia's team has become more mobile since the inclusion of **Peter Stone** and **Gary Byrne** in midfield but it remains to be seen whether the younger players can withstand the intense pressure of partisan Teheran, where the match will be watched by close to 100,000 people.

The last time the Socceroos played there they lost 0-2 in a 1973 World Cup qualifying match.

Australia's touring players are:

Goalkeepers: Allan Maher, Jack Reilly.

Defenders: Peter Wilson, Col Bennett, Col Curran, George Harris, David Jones.

Midfielders: Peter Stone, Jimmy Rooney, Gary Byrne, Dave Harding, Gary Marocchi.

Forwards: Attila Abonyi, Peter Ollerton, John Kosmina, John Nyskohus, Adrian Alston.

Remaining matches:

Nov. 11, Iran v. South Korea.

Nov. 12, Kuwait v. Hong Kong.

Nov. 18, Iran v. Hong Kong.

Nov. 19, Kuwait v. Australia.

Nov. 25, Iran v. Australia.

Dec. 3, Kuwait v. Iran.

Dec. 4, South Korea v. Hong Kong.

Kuwait striker Hamad Bo-Hamad (left) scores his team's third goal in Kuwait's 3-1 victory over Hong Kong last month. Deadly Bo-Hamad was out injured when Kuwait beat Australia 2-1 in Sydney, but he is likely to return for the game in Kuwait on November 19.

Asian Group Standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Australia	6	3	1	2	11	6	7
Iran	4	3	1	0	4	0	7
South Korea	6	2	3	1	5	4	7
Kuwait	5	2	1	2	7	6	5
Hong Kong	5	0	0	5	3	14	0

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UEFA CUP DRAW

ZURICH — The draw for the third round of the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup was made here as follows:

Eintracht Frankfurt (West Germany) v. Bayern Munich (West Germany); FC Magdeburg (East Germany) v. Lens (France); Dinamo Tbilisi (Soviet Union) v. Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland); PSV Eindhoven (Holland) v. Eintracht Brunswick (West Germany); Karl, Zeiss Jena (East Germany) v. Standard Liege (Belgium); Bastia (France) v. Torino (Italy); Aston Villa (England) v. Athletic Bilbao (Spain); Ipswich Town (England) v. FC Barcelona (Spain).

First leg matches in the home-and-away ties will be played on November 23 and second legs on December 7.

Draws for the quarter-finals of the UEFA, European and Cup winners will take place early next year.

He coached the Socceroos

November 20. They will start training next month.

Boggi said he had his eyes on one or two players for next season.

Tom Anderson played for South Melbourne Hellas, St. George Budapest and South Coast United after arriving from Scotland in the early sixties.

In Scotland he played professionally for St. Mirren and in England for Queen's Park Rangers and Orient.

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He has coached South Coast United (now Wollongong City), APIA and Auburn.

His assistant **Frank Malone** played in Scotland for Kilmarnock. After leaving Auburn he coached Kuringai from Third to Second Division two years ago and took the club into the Second Division semi-finals last year.

Anderson will try to sign two players in Britain later this month, after covering Australia's games against Iran and Kuwait for the "Mirror" where he has been working since 1971.

And it's odds-on that Anderson and the Olympic committee will try to lure goalscorer **Bill Pirie** back from Scotland next season. Pirie, who scored seven goals in eight games for Olympic in the 1977 season, is playing for Dundee.

Frank Malone

George Cross adds League Cup to list

GEORGE CROSS: 2 (Reed 31, Walker 83)
SLAVIA: 1 (Monaghan 30)

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 6, McConville 6, Cutajar 6, Maitland 6, Laurie 6, Wilkinson 6, Kelly 6, Murphy 7, Reed 7, Webb 6, Walker 8.

SLAVIA: Clarke 8, Thomson 6, Train 6, Willcox 6, Symington 6, (sub Gooch 75), Miller 6, Monaghan 7, Baber 6, Bennie 7, Pye 5, Williams 6.

By LES SHORROCK

George Cross justified its claim to being the best team in the State League by carrying off the State League Cup on Sunday, but it was made to fight all the way by a determined Slavia.

Indeed, Slavia had the worst of any luck that was going.

Jim Symington was carried off with a badly gashed shin with fifteen minutes to go.

Slavia centre back Jim Symington — he limped off, injured.

At that point the game appeared to have reached stalemate and extra time looked a definite possibility.

Darryl Gooch came on for Symington and this necessitated a reshuffle at the back for Slavia.

Consequently, this caused a fatal crack appearing in Slavia's defence.

Coach **Ken Kontra** must have longed then for the stalwart **Les Owens** who stormed off when he was substituted in the first round against Altona.

Georgie started the game with a superiority complex having won one and drawn three of his season's meetings with Slavia, but for the first half-hour there was nothing to choose between the two teams.

If anything, Slavia had more opportunities than Georgie, but these were only half-chances — scrambles in the penalty area and such.

Although both **Lou Kastner** and **Peter Clarke** had their anxious moments in goal, neither had to make a clear-cut save in the opening period.

Then **Brian Monaghan** ghosted in and deftly headed a chipped pass out of reach of the apparently unsighted Kastner, and Slavia began to look like winners.

But Georgie didn't wilt, and the Slavia joy was short-lived, 45 seconds, to be precise.

The Cross attacked fiercely and the Slavia defence got in a terrible tangle after a shot had been charged down.

After players of both sides had taken wild swings at the ball, it was deflected goalward over Clarke's head, and there was the ubiquitous Reed to gleefully nod home his 27th League goal of the season.

From then on until half-time, frustrated Slavia wasted a few chances through hurried shooting.

With a little more composure, it could have gone in for the interval with a handy lead.

For the first fifteen minutes of the second half it was the mixture as before, then **Peter Clarke** made a tremendous save at point-blank range from a **Ken Reed** thunderbolt.

Reed was seen shaking his head in disbelief.

Then, it was Slavia's turn as **Jim Williams** careered away down the left, but his fierce shot, much to Kastner's relief, hit the side netting.

Kevin Walker, again, was proving a handful for the Slavia defenders.

He bobbed up on the left and sent **Billy Wilkinson** away with a cheeky back-heel, only for Wilkinson's shot to sail inches past the post.

Georgie was getting on top, and when Clarke came out for a cross and only finger tipped the ball away, Wilkinson's header went narrowly over the bar.

The clincher came with seven minutes left and with a distinct possibility of extra time looming large.

Wilkinson and Walker cut their way through Slavia's rearguard with as neat a one-two as you could ever see.

Walker slipped the final pass calmly past the advancing Clarke and saw it go into the net off the far post.

It was all over then, but Slavia produced a brave final flurry that saw the ball forced into the net after Lou Kastner had saved on the ground.

But referee **Readshaw**, right on the spot, judged that Kastner had been fouled and dashed Slavia's hopes.

A word of praise in passing for the ref.

Jack Readshaw is a players' referee, he doesn't stand any nonsense and he lets the game flow.

On Sunday he never put a foot, or a whistle wrong.

The win rounded off Georgie's most successful season ever, with the Championship, the League Cup, Ampol Cup finalists and Dockerty Cup semi-finalists — a proud score.

As for Slavia, whilst it was fitting that the two teams that finished first and second should figure in the final, it must be said that the final also highlighted the weakness of the State League this year.

For Slavia, through the season, dispensed with the services of almost a complete first team, most of whom, ironically enough, were watching on Sunday.

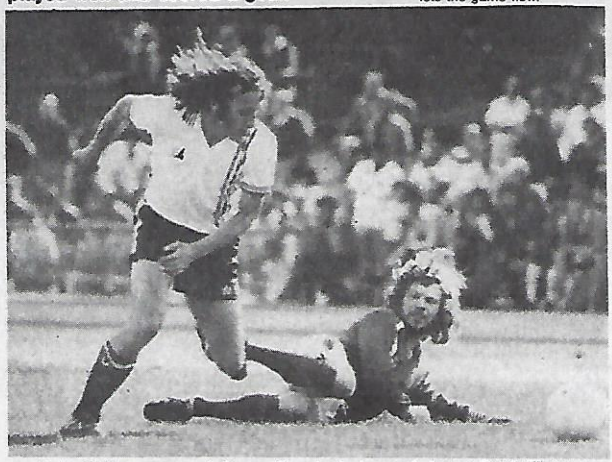
So the intriguing question remains: how would Slavia have fared with **John Cain, Dave Ripley, Carl Glider, Steve Moore, Mick O'Halloran, Glenn Westley** and **Paul Smith** available?

Not to mention **Les Owens** and **Steve Short**, who weren't on the team sheet this week.

George Cross player-coach Billy Wilkinson holds up the State League Cup. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

The triumphant men of George Cross, standing from left — Peter Ebini, John Webb, George Laurie, Ken Reed, Lou Kastner, Kevin Kelly, Don Lawler, reserve, front — reserve, Alex McConville, Norm Maitland, Billy Wilkinson, Paul Murphy, Kevin Walker, Phil Cutajar.

Ken Reed (right) and his "shadow", Andy Miller. Despite the close attention, Reed played well and scored a goal.



Kevin Walker, scorer of George Cross' winning goal, leaves Frank Thompson floundering as he heads goalwards.

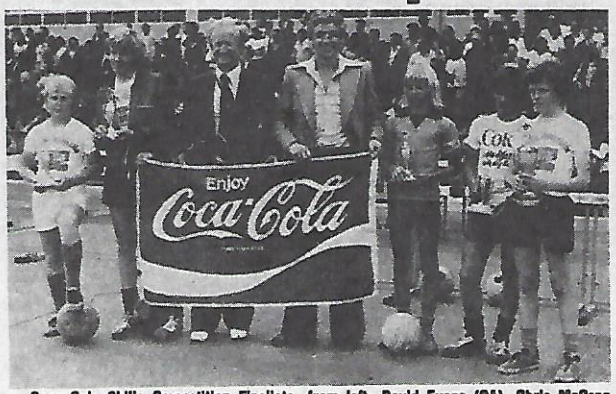
Andy Willock has top skills

Andy Willock of South Australia won the Coca Cola soccer skills competition whose finals were conducted at Olympic Park last Sunday.

Willock scored 256 points, winning comfortably from runner-up Chris McCann, also of South Australia.

Scores of the other finalists were: Glen Chaloupka (Western Australia) 178, John Tirabassi (Victoria) 113 and David Evans (South Australia) 101.

The contestants had to perform a variety of skill tests including ball juggling and shooting for goal.



Coca Cola Skills Competition Finalists, from left: David Evans (SA), Chris McCann (SA), Peter Bent (Aust. Promotions Manager Coca Cola), John Kosmina (Coca Cola, SA), Glenn Chaplouka (WA), John Tirabassi (Vic) and Andy Willock (SA), the winner.

Makedonia

Makedonia won the under-14 Cup final by beating Green Gully Ajax 3-1.

It completed a double for coach John Kalincev who also coached the under-16s to Cup triumph.

Decision after holiday

Ken Kontra said after the State League Cup final he had not made up his mind whether he will coach Slavia again next year.

Slavia wants him to stay on but Kontra said he would not make a decision until after he returns from overseas.

He left yesterday (Tuesday) on a business trip to South-East Asia and on his return, he will take his family on a holiday to Hungary and West Germany.

He will be back in January.

Kontra praised his team for its performance in the Cup final, especially **Mark Baber** who, it was found later, was suffering from German measles.

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PLAYERS, 1978 SEASON

Mr. M. Ruzik (ex-JUST and Victorian State Player) would like to hear from players interested in playing First Division football in Canberra.

This is Mr Ruzik's first full season as club coach and he, and the club, intends it to be a successful one.

All players interested please write, stating details of age, experience, marital status etc, to:

Mr. F. Rogerson, The Secretary, P.O. Box 207, Dickson, Canberra, A.C.T.

This is what you call a blatant foul. Ted Bannon of Juventus pulls the shirt of Slavia's Steve Bennie to prevent him from reaching the ball.

By losing 0-2 to Slavia Juventus failed to qualify for the cup final — and it made the players mad. Uli Pfisterer and goalkeeper Hugh Graham would have come to blows blaming each other for the second goal, had Steve Walker not prised them apart.

Kevin Walker — George Cross' star in the State League Cup.

Grim battle to get into final

The battle to qualify for the Victorian State League Cup final turned out to be one of the most tense since the competition started.

Juventus looked set for a berth in the final after beating Altona 5-1, with **Dino DeMarchi** scoring four goals.

However, Slavia, which lost 1-4 to George Cross that afternoon, did the unexpected the following week by tipping out Juventus 2-0.

At the same time Altona performed a memorable feat in beating George Cross 3-2.

Our photographer **SAM BELFONTE** caught some of the most gripping action from the qualifying games, and also some of the outstanding personalities of the series, which finally resulted in a Slavia v. George Cross final

Altona's Con Ignatidis — went from attack to defence to cover the absence of Keith Murray, but still scored twice against George Cross.

George Cross winger Peter Ebini.

REPLY FROM FRED VILLIERS

Allegations in a recent issue of Soccer Action that I cheated the Soccer Press Association and The Victorian Soccer Federation in publishing the name of the winner of the Bill Fleming Medal are untrue.

The embargo on the publication of the winner's name did not concern me, as I am not a member of the Soccer Press Association.

At the time, I was doing my job as a journalist in providing news for my paper, The Sunday Observer, and I certainly did not take the glamour away from the winner, Mick Watkins, as he appeared with me the following Sunday on Channel 7 World of Sport and was seen by more than 1,000,000 viewers.

The news of Watkins' award was given to me from a reliable source — one of the Executive members of the Soccer Press Association.

— FRED VILLIERS

Juventus' Ted Bannon brings down Slavia's attacking defender Steve Short with a vigorous sliding tackle. Behind them are Slavia's Brian Monaghan and Steve Walker of Juventus.

Will Hellas go for Wilson?

Attila Abonyi

Australian captain Peter Wilson may join South Melbourne Hellas.

Wilson's contract with Western Suburbs has expired and it is believed he is interested in hearing an offer from Hellas.

Hellas was interested in signing him at the start of the 1977 season but he was then unavailable.

It is known that Wilson is tired of travelling from his home in Wollongong to Sydney for training and games.

And at 29, Wilson has only four or five years left in top soccer. He knows that if he is to earn good money, now is the time.

Another Socceroo on the market is the great Attila Abonyi, whose contract with Croatia Sydney has expired.

Abonyi will go to the highest bidder.

Peter Wilson

NSW WANTS CANBERRA, NEWCASTLE TO JOIN

A move to bring one club from Newcastle and one from Canberra into the NSW State League will be made at the NSW Federation's annual meeting at the British Ex-Services Club on Wednesday, November 16.

NSW is the third State to move towards a genuine State-wide league. Queensland and Tasmania have similar plans.

Victoria has talked for the past 10 years about expanding its State League into country areas but it has taken no positive action.

The NSW proposal is that the State League be increased to 14 clubs to accommodate a team from Newcastle and one from Canberra, which would be given two years without relegation to enable them to establish themselves in the new league. Normal promotion and relegation would continue to apply to the Sydney-based clubs.

These proposals were formulated at a general meeting of clubs.

However, the State League sub-committee will propose that should Newcastle and Canberra join the State League, Sydney's representation in the league should be reduced to 10 in 1979.

The sub-committee also proposes that the size of the State League and Second Division for the season after next be always set at the annual general meeting.

The other most important matters to be dealt with at the meeting on November 16 are:

ELECTIONS

Five members to be elected to the executive committee from the following nominations: **P. Coleman, L. Fairclough, K. Ferguson, T. Grimson, P. McCann, A. Palumbo, K. Rodny, C. Valentine.**

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The executive committee proposes the following fees for 1978: State League $1500, Second Division $500, Third Division $180; 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, Divisions $150; national league club entering junior competition $150; Referees' Federation $250; Coaches' Federation $150; IDSA $50; Southern NSW Association $50; NSW Women's Association $50; NSW Amateur Federation $250.

REFEREES' FEES

The Referees' Federation proposes the following referees' and linesmen's fees:

	1st Gr	2nd Gr	3rd Gr
STATE LEAGUE			
Referee	$30	$14	$10
Linesmen	$15	$ 7	$ 5
SECOND DIVISION			
Referee	$18	$12	$ 8
Linesmen	$ 9	$ 6	$ 4
THIRD DIVISION			
Referee	$12	$10	$ 8
Linesmen	$ 6	$ 5	$ 4
DIVISIONS 4 TO 7			
Referee	$10	$ 8	
Linesmen	$ 5	$ 4	

ELIGIBILITY

The executive committee proposes:

Where a player has played in a 2nd Grade or 3rd Grade match as the goalkeeper for 2 of his last 3 premiership matches, prior to the Semi-Finals, he will remain eligible to play as goalkeeper in Championship matches of that grade regardless of the fact that he may also have played in a higher grade premiership match on the same day.

SECRETARIES

Polonia soccer club proposes:

That as from the start of the 1979 season, any person holding the position of club secretary or equivalent in a club participating in the State League competition, must hold a qualification intimating good management or be studying an approved course which will lead to such a qualification. Any clubs seeking promotion to the State League which do not comply with this provision, shall be refused promotion. Any clubs already participating in such a competition which do not comply with the provision, shall be demoted to a lower division.

NATIONAL TEAM

The executive committee proposes:

Membership of a club with the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs shall imply a binding obligation upon the club to make its players available for selection in any NSW Federation State or national representative team.

Failure to do so without an excuse acceptable to the NSW Federation executive committee will render the player ineligible for any club fixture on the date or dates of the representative match or matches.

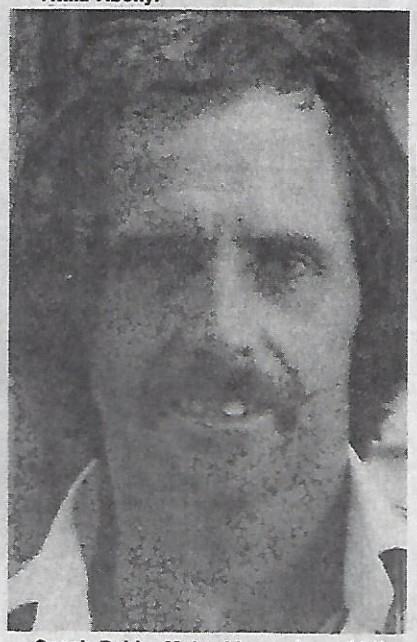
THIRD GRADE

The executive committee proposes that Third Grade competition be removed from State League, Second Division and Third Division, which will then be run only in two grades — First and Second.

Peter McCann

PETER McCANN

The executive committee proposes that Federation president Peter McCann be made a life member in recognition for his efforts for the advancement of soccer.



Coach Bobby McLachlan — brought the Dockerty Cup to Juventus.

McLachlan may join Maclaren

Bobby McLachlan may leave Victorian State League club Juventus to become David Maclaren's assistant at South Melbourne Hellas.

However, McLachlan has made no comment about the rumors.

The shrewd Scot who played for APIA, Croatia, George Cross and Box Hill, rebuilt the Juventus team this year and guided it to Dockerty Cup victory.

It was McLachlan who lured **Mick Watkins, Steve Walker, Jim Armstrong, John Hotson** and **Charlie Smith** to Juventus.

Hellas president **Sam Papasavas** is known to have a high opinion of McLachlan and would be pleased to have him as assistant to Maclaren, the new manager.

Last year, McLachlan coached Sunshine City to two victories over Hellas. Those were the only two losses Hellas suffered on its way to winning the State League title.

Before joining Sunshine, McLachlan was player-coach of the Brighton team that won promotion to Second Division.

He has also coached Makeddnia and Albion Rovers.

What's more, he was coach of the Victorian schoolboys team that won the national championship this year.

Ron Brown is best

Ron Brown has won the best and fairest player award of Victorian Third Division club Prahran City.

Brown, who played for Fitzroy Alexander in the early seventies, accepted his trophy from guest of honor, **Jim Tansey,** the Alexander and national squad left back.

Pat McElhinney (ex-Slavia) was runner-up in the voting and **Bobby Glenn** (ex-Park Rangers) was third.

Most Improved player was **Chris Richardson** and the goalscorers' awards went to **Brian Gomez** (seniors) and **Les Gaal** (reserves).

Richardson also won the Reserves best and fairest award, from runner-up **Jeff Sant** and third-placed **Charlie Hobday.**

Senior coach **Billy Radcliffe,** who has retired, was made a life member of Prahran in recognition for his 10 years' service.

The club is seeking a new coach for next

Prahran's best and fairest player, Ron Brown (left) receives his trophy from Jim Tansey.

Pools get new look

Australian Soccer Pools have launched an extensive expansion program. First is the appointment of three new directors to the board.

Alan Lovell takes up his appointment as deputy managing director and general manager and will be based in Sydney.

This is the first time Australian Soccer Pools have had a chief executive based in NSW, as formerly the control has been in Victoria.

Mr Lovell joins Pools with a wealth of experience, having formerly been a banker for 23 years and general manager of Tattersalls in which capacity he was responsible for the recommendation and introduction of Tattslotto into Australia.

Brian Morris, managing director of Southdown Press Pty. Ltd., also joins the Board.

Glenn Barry, marketing director, who joined the company in 1975 when Pools were launched in NSW, is the third addition. Formerly he was in advertising as account executive for various government departments. He recently returned from a three-month study tour of Lotto and other forms of gaming in Europe

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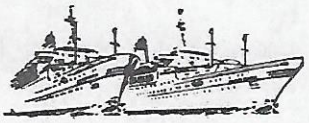


"Bon Voyage"

303 PLAYERS APPEARED IN LEAGUE!

The players of Marconi and Brisbane City were the only ones able to play the maimum number of national league games in 1977 as they were the ones to reach the Cup final.

Three players from Cup winner Brisbane City and four players from Marconi notched up the maximum 30 games for the season — 26 in the league and four in the Cup.

The Brisbane players are: **Larry Gaffney, Peter Tokesi,** and **Ian Rathmell.**

The Marconi players are: **Gary Byrne, Peter Sharne, Ivo Prskalo** and **Allan Maher.**

What follows is a comprehensive record of the 303 players who made national league appearances in 1977.

The heading 'P' stands for appearances as members of the opening line-up.

The column headed 'Subs' indicates matches played as substitutes.

The heading 'G' stands for goals.

Appearances are split into league and Cup games.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS

	League			Cup		
	P	Sub	G	P	Sub	G
Brian Northcote	25	1	7	1		1
John Perin	25		3	1		
Fred Yung	25			1		
Gary Marocchi	24		5	1		
Zoran Matic	24		1	1		
John Nyskohus	23	1	9	1		
Roger Romanowicz	23			1		
Frank Lister	20					
Sergio Melta	19	2	1			
Dixie Deans	19		16	1		
Agenor Muniz	17	1	4	1		
David Leane	15	3	5			
Ron Fraser	15	1		1		
Dugsey Nyskohus	4	1		1		
Peter Marshall	3	2				
John Besir	2	3				
Ian DiBartolo	1	5				
Ian Bondell		2				
Phil Russo		2				
John Pope		1				

Players used: 20

BRISBANE CITY

	League			Cup		
	P	Sub	G	P	Sub	G
Larry Gaffney	26		3	4		
Peter Tokesi	26		2	4		1
Ian Rathmell	26			4		
Frank Pimblett	25		3	4		1
Osvaldo Borzi	25			4		
Roberto Echeverria	23		1	4		1
John Coyne	20	5	4		3	
Jim Hermiston	20		3	4		
Willie Conner	17	6	4	4		
Kevin Caldwell	15	9	1	4		2
Ian Johnston	15		4	4		2
Brian Kibbey	14	2			2	1
John Lavelle	12	1				
Craig Wallace	9	1	3			
Karl Herdle	4	4	1			
Tom McLeod	3	4		4		
Ian Perry	3					
Peter Nielsen	2					
Ron Kidd		2				

Players used: 19

BRISBANE LIONS

	League			Cup		
	P	Sub	G	P	Sub	G
George Potter	26			1		
Paul Laszlo	25	1	5	1		
John Neale	25	1	4	1		1
Iain Fagan	24	2	2	1		
Phil Dando	23	1		1		
Col Bennett	23			1		
Geoff Morris	22	1	10	1		
Ian Park	22	1		1		
Alan Niven	21	2		1		
Eddy Spearritt	16		1	1		1
Leon Wilson	13	1				
Roy Drinkwater	9	1				
Alan Hughes	8	1				
Alan Venables	7	5				
Tom Murray	7	1	4	1		
Willie Henderson	6	1			1	
Reddy McKenzie	4					
Ian Lawrie	3	2				
John Wilkinson	3					
Laszlo Koroknai	2	2				
Ron Harland	2	1				
John Ogden	2					
Gerry Walker	2	1				
Charles Dench	1					

Players used: 24

Brisbane City goalkeeper Osvaldo Borzi, in agony after a clash with a forward. Borzi played 25 league and four Cup games.

CANBERRA CITY

	League			Cup		
	P	Sub	G	P	Sub	G
John Brown	26			1	1	
Tony Henderson	25		4	2		1
Ivan Grujicic	25		4	2		
Danny Moulis	25		1	2		
Brian Stoddart	22		3		1	
Nick Boskov	21			1		
Jim Cant	20			2		
Roy Stark	18		1			
Ron Tilsed	17					
Steve Hogg	14	3		2		
Alan Bourke	14		2	2		1
Adrian Alston	10		3	2		1
John Stoddart	9		1			
Malcolm Haynes	9					
Kent Kawaleva	8	3	1	1		
Dave O'Connor	7	2	1			
Mike Black	6	3		1	1	
Vic Fernandez	4			2		
John Davies	2	1				
Luis Salgado	2					
Oscar Langone	2					
Steve Kojaza	1					
Greg Willett		3				

Players used: 23.

FITZROY ALEXANDER

	League			Cup		
	P	Sub	G	P	Sub	G
Banko Buljovic	26		9	3		3
Pat Bannon	26		2	3		
Peter Blasby	26			3		
Gary Cole	24	1	11	3		3
Jim O'Reilly	22	2		3		
Ken Taylor	22	1	4	3		
Arthur McMillan	20			3		
Bob Prevan	19	1	1	3		
Jim Campbell	18	2	6	3		
Andrew Bouzikas	16	6	3	3		
Jim Tansey	16	3	1	3		
Mike Glykokalamos	13	1				
Nick Rakovalis	8	4				
Vince Bannon	8	2				
George Gillan	6	1	2			
Alex Nelson	5					
Jim McMorran	5					
Joe Tront	4	4				
Ulysses Kokkinos		3				
Theo Selemidis		1				
Bill Whiteside		1				

Players used: 21.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

	League			Cup		
	P	Sub	G	P	Sub	G
Jim Kondarios	26		4	1		
Jim Krlaris	26		1	1		
Dennis Boland	26			1		
Joe Palinkas	25		6	1		
Joe Piciolane	25		5	1		
Mondo Ristovski	22		8	1		
Andy Kazi	21		2	1		
Jim Milne	19					
Mirko Rujevic	18	5	1	1		
Zoran Ilioski	17	2		1		
Alan Parrott	17	1	1	1		
Frank Micic	15	3			1	
John Nicolaides	6	4	1	1		
Andrija Ristic	5	2				
Dragan Vasic	5		4	1		
Charlie Smith	3	1				
Zdravko Berovnica	2		2			
Dragan Nikitovic	2					
Stratos Adampikis		6				
Miro Litwin		2				

Players used: 20.

HAKOAH-EASTERN SUBURBS

	League			Cup		
	P	Sub	G	P	Sub	G
John Stevenson	26		5	1		
Henry Mowbray	25		1	1		
Hilton Silva	24		1	1		
Alex Robertson	23			1		
Terry Smith	22	1	14	1		
Murray Barnes	22	1	12	1		
Kevin Mullen	22	1		1		
Joe Watson	22		1	1		
Eddy Thomson	18			1		
Steve O'Connor	17	3	1	1		
Bertie Lutton	16	2	5			
Alan Kershaw	10	2	4			
Malcolm Haynes	11					
Alan Farley	7					
Manecas	5		3			
Todd Clarke	5			1		
Agenor Muniz	5		2			
Bobby McGuinness	2	9	1		1	
Luis DeMilo	1	3	1			
Tony Pezzano	3					

Players used: 20.

MARCONI

	League			Cup		
	P	Sub	G	P	Sub	G
Gary Byrne	26		4	4		1
Peter Sharne	26		9	4		3
Ivo Prskalo	26			4		1
Allan Maher	26			4		
Jim Rooney	25		7	4		1
Paul Dogney	25		1	4		
Ray Richards	25		4	4		
Ernie Campbell	22	1	6	4		2
Bertie Mariani	16	5	7	4		2
John Russell	16	1		4		
Barry Jones	15	2		1	1	
Stuart Robertson	14	3	1	3		
Les Hucker	8	3				
Roberto Vieri	7	1	1			
Raul Carrizo	3	3				
Stewart Selveage	2	1			1	
Richie Williams	2	3			1	

Players used: 17.

MOOROOLBARK UNITED

	League			Cup		
	P	Sub	G	P	Sub	G
Geoff Ontong	23	2		2		
Paul Ontong	22	3	4	2		
Alan Pongho	22		1	2		
Max Irwin	21	1		1		
Peter Vaughan	21			1		
Dave Rigby	17		1	2		
Gordon McGregor	16	3	7	2		
Pat Lowrey	15	2	4	2		1
Walter Bojczuk	14	6	1			
Paul Wilding	13	1				
Joe Tront	13		7			
Barrie Fairbrother	12		3	2		
Mike Clarey	11	1	1			
Brian Thom	11	3			2	
Lou Ivanoff	9			2		
Dave Ellis	8	5	1			
Paul O'Riley	8	1			1	
Nick Lowe	6		1	2		
Derek Bailey	6	1				
Ian Williamson	5	2		2		
Mike Sinclair	5	1				
Terry Hawke	4					
Mike Shuttleworth	3					
Mal Hayward		2				
Paul Priestley	1	2				
Eugene McConville		1				

Players used: 26.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS

	League			Cup		
	P	Sub	G	P	Sub	G
Mike Pye	26		1	1		
Arthur Zanthopoulos	25		1			
Chris Kalafatidis	24		1	1		
Jack Reilly	24			1		
Ian Gibson	21	1	4	1		
Peter Ollerton	21		6	1		
John Daperis	21			1		
Margaritis Hagegmanouli	20	3	1			
Graham French	18	5	2			
Bill Rogers	16		4	1		
Chris Kent	15	2		1		
John Gardiner	14					
Anton Dosen	10	3				
Noel Mitten	8		2			
Jim Alexiou	6	6				
Duncan Cummings	6	1	3	1		
Malcolm Macdonald	3		3			
George Bozikis	2	2				
Lou Talgaris	2					
Malcolm Manly	2			1		
Jim Mackay	1					
Rene Lin					1	

Players used: 22.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST

	League			Cup		
	P	Sub	G	P	Sub	G
John O'Shea	25		1			
Phil O'Connor	23	2	8	1		
Rudolfo Gnavi	23	2	2	1		
Rob O'Shea	23	1	5	1		
Mark Jankovic	23		4		1	1
George Harris	23					
Brendan Grosse	22	2		1		
Noville Morgan	17	6	8	1		
Harry Williams	17	2	1	1		
Martin Coe	17					
Paul Coton	13		1			
Fred Aitken	11	6	3			
Dave McQuire	9					
Willie Hamilton	8	2	2	1		
Doug Utjesenovic	7	2		1		
Peter Honsman	6	5	3	1		
Charlie George	5	2	1			
Peter Terry	4					
Emery Helmik	2	1				
Carlos Mendez	2	1	1	1		

Footscray J.U.S.T. centre back Jim Krlaris — didn't miss a match.

Roberto Echeverria 1
Mike O'Shea 1

Players used: 22.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

	League			Cup		
	P	Sub	G	P	Sub	G
Ray Bothman	26		6	1		
Gary Meier	26			1		
Joe Senkalski	25		4	1		
Mike Cross	23	1	2	1		
Paul Luckett	22	2		1		
Don Allen	21		3			
George Gibson	19					
Greg Allen	18	1				
Dave McIntosh	18		3	1		
Richie Bell	13			1		
Bernie Cullerton	13					
Bill Palmer	12	2		1		
Chris Thamnidis	11	6	1	1		
Alex Jamieson	11			1		1
Bill Pirie	8	1	7			
Peter Raskopoulos	7	1		1		
Greg Lynch	5					
Tony Ikonomou	4	3				
Brian Parker	2	1				
Ken Wilson	1	4			1	
Bill Kardambis		4				
Lazaros Paraskevas		3				
Neil Malone		1				
Jim Izatt		1				
Mike Dresses	1					

Players used: 25.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS

	League			Cup		
	P	Sub	G	P	Sub	G
David Jones	25			2		
Barry Reynolds	24		1	2		
John Kosmina	23		12	2		1
Ian McGregor	23		5	2		1
Lucky Vagianos	22	1		2		
Neil McGachey	22		4	2		
Steve Amos	21	2	1	2		
Martyn Crook	20	1		2		
Gordon McCulloch	18	1	2			
Dave Pillans	18		1	1		
Peter Boyle	16	2	4	2		
Graham Honeyman	15	2	3			
Alex Zervas	8	3	1			
Ted DeLyster						
Sam Service	6					
Graeme Souness	5					
Nick Pantelis	4	6	1	2		
Richard Yeeles	4	1				
George Koulianos	2				1	
John Batchelor	1			1		
John Krytikos		5	1		1	
Alan Bourke		1				

Players used: 22.

WESTERN SUBURBS

	League			Cup		
	P	Sub	G	P	Sub	G
Col Curran	26		2	2		
Terry Eaton	26			1		
Peter Wilson	25		3	2		
Peter Stone	25		1	2		
Steve Perry	24	1	1	2		
Dave Harding	24		4	2		1
Clive Eaton	23	1	7	1		
Bob Noble	22		1	2		
Graham Norris	21		9	2		
Alan Ainslie	19	1	3	2		
Bob Fryer	13		2			
Lloyd Hardes	9	1			1	
Warren Turnbull	8	2		2		2
Ken Lindsay	6		1			
Ian Moores	5		2			
Pat Lowrey	3	2				
Allan Fisher	2	1		1		
Mike Berry	1	1				
Brian Dodd	1	4				
Mark Samuels		1				
Ian Rowden		1				
Wally Lachewicz				1		

Players used: 22.

Teams travelled 163,520 miles

This graphically arranged chart shows the distances travelled by PSL teams 1977. As an example: East. Sub. Hakoah covered 920 m. to each of their four Melurne games, 1560m. to Adelaide, etc.

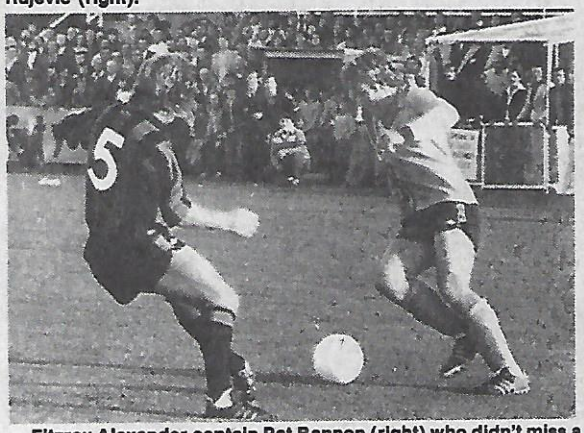
stances miles avelled by clubs	Easts-Hakoah	Marconi	St. George	Sydney Olympic	Western Subs.	Fitzroy	Footscray	Mooroolbark	Sth. Melbourne	Adal. City	West Adel.	Brisbane City	Brisbane Lions	Canberra
-Hakoah	●	0	0	0	0	920	920	920	920	1560	1560	940	940	300
oni	0	●	0	0	0	920	920	920	920	1560	1560	940	940	300
eorge	0	0	●	0	0	920	920	920	920	1560	1560	940	940	300
ey Olympic	0	0	0	●	0	920	920	920	920	1560	1560	940	940	300
ern Subs	0	0	0	0	●	920	920	920	920	1560	1560	940	940	300
y Utd.	920	920	920	920	920	●	0	0	0	810	810	1860	1860	620
cray	920	920	920	920	920	0	●	0	0	810	810	1860	1860	620
oolbark	920	920	920	920	920	0	0	●	0	810	810	1860	1860	620
Melbourne	920	920	920	920	920	0	0	0	●	810	810	1860	1860	620
aide City	1560	1560	1560	1560	1560	810	810	810	810	●	0	2520	2520	1430
delaide	1560	1560	1560	1560	1560	810	810	810	810	0	●	2520	2520	1430
ane City	940	940	940	940	940	1860	1860	1860	1860	2520	2520	●	0	1240
ane Lions	940	940	940	940	940	1860	1860	1860	1860	2520	2520	0	●	1240
erra City	300	300	300	300	300	620	620	620	620	1430	1430	1240	1240	●

nces travelled:

y teams	9,900 each —	total 49,500m
urne teams	10,560 each —	total 42,240m
ide teams	17,510 each —	total 35,020m
ane teams	13,720 each —	total 27,440m
erra team	9,320	9,320m

GRAND TOTAL: 163,520 MILES

Gary Byrne (left) — played all 30 games for Marconi. Also pictured: Stuart Robertson (centre) and J.U.S.T. midfielder Mirko Rujevic (right).



Fitzroy Alexander captain Pat Bannon (right) who didn't miss a game, confronts Western Suburbs captain Peter Wilson who played all but one game.

Home match attendances

e were the reported home attendances at the 1977 Philips Soccer League matches:

	TOTAL	AVERAGE	HIGHEST	LOWEST
ADELAIDE CITY	99,732	7,671	13,132	3,000
BRISBANE CITY	70,152	5,396	6,500	3,500
BRISBANE LIONS	50,200	3,861	7,300	2,000
CANBERRA CITY	23,150	1,780	2,700	1,300
EASTS HAKOAH	26,338	2,026	6,115	400
FITZROY	65,000	5,000	14,000	2,000
FOOTSCRAY	38,700	2,976	8,000	1,000
MARCONI	42,952	3,304	9,500	1,470
MOOROOLBARK	13,450	1,084	5,000*	500
ST. GEORGE	25,936	1,995	5,482*	620
SOUTH MELBOURNE	57,700	4,438	15,000	2,000
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	48,482	3,729	6,300	1,025
WEST ADELAIDE	71,779	5,521	12,328	2,300
WESTERN SUBURBS	22,072	1,697	7,253	521
Total:	655,643	3,602		

hest attendances:

000: South Melbourne v. St. George
000: Fitzroy v. South Melbourne
132: Adelaide City v. Marconi
12,328: West Adelaide v. Adelaide City
11,300: Adelaide City v. Western Suburbs
10,125: Adelaide City v. West Adelaide
10,000: South Melbourne v. Fitzroy

ALL PSL RESULTS

	Adelaide City	Brisbane City	Brisbane Lions	Canberra City	Easts-Hakoah	Fitzroy	Footscray	Marconi	Mooroolbark	South Melbourne	St. George	Sydney Olympic	West Adelaide	Western Suburbs
Adelaide City	●	1-2	0-0	2-0	1-2	1-0	4-1	1-0	10-3	2-0	1-1	3-0	2-2	1-2
Brisbane City	1-0	●	3-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-3	0-1	3-1	2-0	1-1	3-0	1-0	0-1
Brisbane Lions	1-1	2-1	●	0-1	0-4	2-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	0-2	1-4	4-0
Canberra City	1-1	2-0	1-2	●	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-4	0-2	2-2	4-0	1-3	0-3
Easts-Hakoah	6-1	3-1	2-0	2-1	●	1-1	4-3	2-4	3-0	0-1	2-2	2-0	1-1	2-1
Fitzroy	1-0	3-2	4-1	2-0	1-3	●	2-0	1-8	2-0	5-2	1-2	2-0	0-0	2-2
Footscray	3-4	2-1	4-2	3-0	2-2	1-3	●	3-4	1-0	2-2	0-0	1-0	0-1	2-1
Marconi	0-4	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	●	1-0	3-0	3-1	0-0	2-1	3-0
Mooroolbark	1-3	1-1	0-1	3-2	2-2	1-2	2-2	2-3	●	2-4	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-2
South Melbourne	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-2	1-2	2-0	●	2-3	1-1	1-2	2-0
St. George	0-2	3-2	0-0	2-0	1-1	2-2	2-0	0-0	5-1	1-1	●	3-3	1-0	1-1
Sydney Olympic	3-1	4-0	1-0	2-2	2-2	3-1	0-0	0-2	1-2	0-2	2-0	●	0-4	0-3
West Adelaide	1-4	3-3	5-1	0-0	1-3	1-1	1-0	0-1	1-2	1-1	3-3	1-0	●	0-1
Western Suburbs	0-0	0-0	3-0	3-1	3-4	0-1	0-0	1-1	5-0	2-0	3-2	0-2	1-1	●

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BEST IN EACH CITY

"Soccer Action" has attempted to classify the best players of the 1977 national league season.

Many will disagree with us, but at least we'll get you talking.

We have classified the best players, in order, for each city.

Sydney has eight classifications because with five clubs, it has the greatest representation in the league.

Melbourne, with four clubs, has seven players classified.

Adelaide and Brisbane, both with two clubs, have four players each, and Canberra has two.

Only league performances have been considered — not national team or State team performances.

MELBOURNE

1. **Branko Buljevic** (Alexander)
2. **Joe Picioane** (J.U.S.T.)
3. **Gary Cole** (Alexander)
4. **Jim Kondarios** (J.U.S.T.)
5. **Arthur McMillan** (Alexander)
6. **Mike Pye** (Hellas)
7. **Chris Kent** (Hellas)

CANBERRA

1. **Tony Henderson**
2. **Brian Stoddart.**

BRISBANE

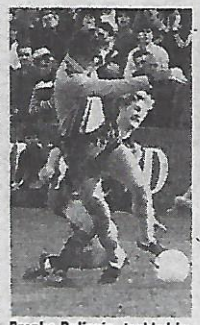
1. **Jim Hermiston** (City)
2. **Col Bennett** (Lions)
3. **Geoff Morris** (Lions)
4. **Paul Laszlo** (Lions)

ADELAIDE

1. **Dixie Deans** (Juventus)
2. **John Kosmina** (Hellas)
3. **John Perin** (Juventus)
4. **Barry Reynolds** (Hellas)

SYDNEY

1. **Jimmy Rooney** (Marconi)
2. **John Stevenson** (Hakoah)
3. **Murray Barnes** (Hakoah)
4. **Peter Stone** (Wests)
5. **Ray Richards** (Marconi)
6. **Ivo Prskalo** (Marconi)
7. **George Gibson** (Olympic)
8. **Phil O'Connor** (St. George)



Branko Buljevic, tackled by Peter Stone.

Arthur McMillan

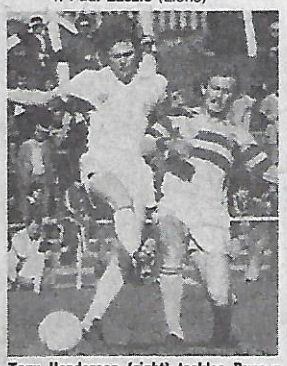
J.U.S.T. ball wizard Joe Picioane

Gary Cole shakes off Mooroolbark's Nick Lowe

Chris Kent (right) shoots under pressure from Col Curran (Western Suburbs)

Jim Kondarios

Mike Pyl



Tony Henderson (right) tackles Duncan Cummings (SM-Hellas)

Brian Stoddart

Jim Hermiston (left) with team mate Frank Pimblett

Col Bennett (right) tangles with Mohammad Sadeghi of Iran

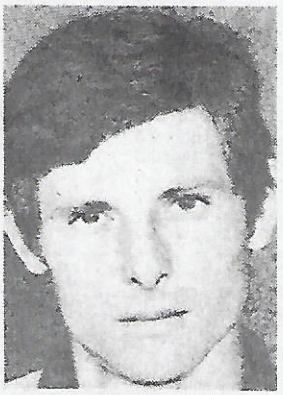
Geoff Morris (left) with team mate Alan Niven

Dixie Deans

John Kosmina (left) in action for Australia against South Korea.

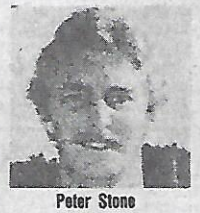
John Perin

Barry Reynolds

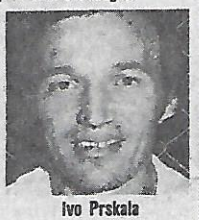


Paul Laszlo (Brisbane Lions)

Jimmy Rooney v. Iran's Sadeghi.



Peter Stone

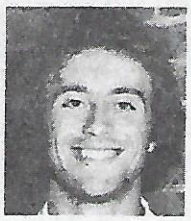


Ivo Prskala

John Stevenson (right) wins a duel with Arthur Xanthopoulos of SM-Hellas

Murray Barnes (left) in an aerial duel with Iran goalkeeper Nasser Hejazi

George Gibson



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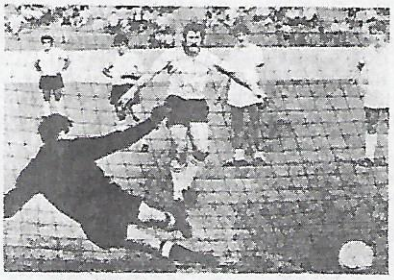

Ray Richards scores with a penalty kick

LES SHORROCK completes his review of the Victorian Season.

Winds of change must sweep through Victoria

Victoria's longest season has finally come to a close with the playing of the State League Cup final.

In the short interval before the Ampol Cup starts on January 20 — a mere 10 weeks — it might be appropriate to take a breath and ask the question: Where is the Victorian Soccer Federation going?

At the annual general meeting in October, that hardy perennial, two-up and two-down between State League and Metro League, was moved by the Metro clubs yet again and as usual it was defeated.

Three Metro clubs — Fitzroy United, Mornington and Prahran City — failed to attend — and three State League clubs — probably Altona City, Sunshine City and Polonia — voted for the motion.

The Metro clubs — understandably, were upset at the result — and some talked of drastic action — like breaking away from the Federation.

They maintain that the system of voting which gives the State League clubs, at four votes each, voting rights equal to the 48 Metro clubs which have one vote each, is inequitable.

I agree that the system is unfair — but from a different point of view.

I feel that the Federation has outgrown the constitution in the 13 seasons since the Metropolitan League was formed and the constitution needs to be overhauled to deal with the realities of the '70's and not the early '60's when it was written.

In those days the strength of the clubs with the power lay in their support. As they say in show business: "It's bottoms on seats that count." However, with the departure of the Big Three for other pastures, that support has gone and the drawing power of some of the remaining State League clubs is pathetic.

So it is unfair that a club with a handful of spectators should be able to outvote three clubs with treble its support.

But it is equally unfair that clubs in the lower divisions of the Metro League, which have no aspirations beyond next Saturday, should have an equal say in the destiny of clubs that are prepared to raise considerable sums of money in their drive for a better status.

Furthermore, Metro protestations that the State League is a closed shop ring somewhat hollow when you consider that not until 1977 was it possible for an affiliated club to win its way into the Metro League by the promotion and relegation system.

Thus the same clubs year after year finished at the bottom of the Fourth Division, smugly content in the knowledge that they were protected by administrators who felt it wasn't time for change.

And it wasn't just the affiliated clubs in the Melbourne area that had their ambitions stifled.

Clubs in country areas, ready and willing to travel long distances to spread the code, also know the frustrations of trying to break into the Federation.

So let us have some indignant reaction, by all means and let us have some moves made to rectify the situation but let us, at the same time, ensure that the changes that are brought about are for the betterment of all, not just a vociferous minority.

One of the changes that I would like to see is a smaller State League of say three divisions, that really cover the State and not only Melbourne, with two up and two down.

The remaining clubs could opt to join a newly-formed Amateur League, with representation on the board.

The Board of Management itself should be reconstituted to fulfil a function akin to football associations in other countries, with league management committees having autonomy over their own leagues under the aegis of the Board.

Then and only then could it be said that we were justified in saying that we catered for and administered to the needs of everyone in the game.

These reforms or similar ones, will not come about overnight and are by no means revolutionary, but come they must, or the game will die of inertia and the constitution can be renamed the constipation.

I have been advocating for a long time now that a poll or referendum should be held of all clubs in Victoria, be they members of the Federation or not, in which they would be free to say what direction the ruling body should take.

To those who might think such a move iconoclastic, let me say the Rugby Union code in New South Wales is conducting a similar experiment right now, following the success of a survey carried out last year by the Queensland Rugby Union.

There is always a danger, when a sport whose governing body is elected by a small select group of clubs, of elitism creeping in.

In the case of the VSF 66% of the Board of Management is elected by 25% of the federated clubs, while the affiliated clubs of the Provisional and District Leagues are represented by two chairmen who do not have a vote.

Yet the affiliated clubs outnumber the Federation clubs 64 to 60 and certainly contribute as much by way of fines and other charges as the voting clubs.

Clearly this will have to change if the game is to progress and it will change, but along with everyone else who treasures the sport, I want to see that the changes come about in the proper way.

By that I mean by mutual understanding and commonsense and not by breakaway movements which, even if successful, only leave a bitter taste.

Our sport passed through these kinds of troubles a mere 16 years ago and some of the wounds are still healing because an amicable solution couldn't be found.

So let us hope and pray that once the elections are over and the Board settles down again to the task of running the game, it does so for all and not just for the privileged few.

Let us see some country sides encouraged to come into our competition and really make this a State-wide game.

Those doubting Thomases who fear the wisdom of such a move should take heart from the example of Morwell Falcons who, having been admitted to the Federation last year, promptly won promotion to the Third Division at the first attempt, and could well emulate Mooroolbark, which went from playing friendlies to the national league in a mere 10 years.

Let us be bold for once!

Another matter that will soon be exercising the minds of the Board is the relationship between the VSF and the Melbourne national league clubs.

Some of our leading clubs have gone through periods of panic, paranoia and near-hysteria at the thought of the possiblity of the new league's success.

Now, despite the League's initial loss of $8,000, they are so convinced of its future that they are hastening to apply to join it.

The VSF clubs have to learn to live with the big league and I hope that the newly appointed national league executive will be more co-operative than was the first.

One area in which the relationship could be improved is in the interchangeability of players, for instance.

If the VSF accepts the challenge, the formation of the national league will prove to be a blessing in disguise.

It should stimulate the Federation to improve its own product to keep up.

All in all, next season should be full of interest. In fact it could be epitomised as a year of challenge.

● News in brief

Bruce Rioch joins Derby

Scotland captain Bruce Rioch has switched from Everton to Derby County.

Derby manager **Tommy Docherty** bought Rioch for 150,000 sterling (243,000 Australian dollars) less than a year after Derby sold him to Everton for 175,000 sterling (283,500 Australian dollars).

Meanwhile Birmingham City has persuaded former England manager **Sir Alf Ramsey** to change his mind and agree to take over the running of the club with the title "consultant".

And Arsenal has signed Wolves striker **Alan Sunderland** for 240,000 sterling ($388,800 Australian), to play alongside **Malcolm Macdonald** and **Frank Stapleton.**

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Italian transfer madness: Juventus (backed by the Fiat Corporation millions) paid $1 million to Second Division Cagliari for striker **Pietro Paolo Virdis.**

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Elek Schwarz, who achieved coaching success and fame with many clubs, including Benfica and Ajax Amsterdam, has retired, at the age of 69. Schwarz will now devote all his time to his favorite hobby, painting, and will soon stage his first gallery showing.

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On a very quiet Dutch transfer market, where most clubs were inactive because of severe financial problems, Ajax traded fullback Johnny Dusbaba to Anderlecht, of Belgium, for $450,000, while 36-year-old goalkeeper Jan Jongbloed left FC Amsterdam, after 18 seasons, on a free transfer to Roda.

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Gianni Rivera, AC Milan's ace forward who is also, would you believe, the president of the famous Italian club, has changed his mind about retiring as a player and will play one more season, his 20th since joining Milan in 1959.

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The captain of top French club St. Etienne, **Michel Larque,** has retired to take over as head coach of Paris-St. Germain, whose former Yugoslav coach, **Velibor Vasovic,** has returned home to become assistant-coach of the national team following the big shake-up that resulted after the resignation of **Ivan Topiak.**

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Uruguay's best forward, high-scoring striker **Fernando Morena,** 27, turned down offers from several of Spain's leading teams to join Hercules Alicante, one of the lesser-known Spanish clubs. His Montevideo club, Penarol, traded him for $450,000. Morena received a signing-on fee of $150,000 and is on a $120,000-a-year guarantee for three years. Moreno played for Uruguay against Australia in Sydney and Melbourne in 1974.

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Argentina's 1974 World Cup midfield star, **Carlos Babington,** won't be returning home after all. Babington is still playing for Second Division West German club S.G. Wattenscheid 09 after Buenos Aires team Huracan balked at his financial demands. Babington had signed all the registration forms with Huracan, but the contract was never inked when he demanded a $150,000 signing-on fee and special monthly bonuses from Huracan, not one of Argentina's wealthiest clubs.

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Omar Sivori, one of the greatest forwards produced by Argentina, is back in Italy after an unsuccessful attempt at coaching in his native country. Sivori, who made his name as an exciting forward with Juventus in the late 1950s and mid-'60s, has had little luck so far in his coaching career. He was fired after only four months at the helm of the Argentinian national team and didn't create much of an impression either with the two First Division Argentinian clubs that hired him when he returned from Italy 18 months ago. Sivori is now coaching Italian Fourth Division team Nuevo Napoli.

Moreno of Uruguay

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The American magazine "Soccer Corner", one of the finest of its type in the world, has named its North American Soccer League all-star team for 1977.

GORDON BANKS
(Fort Lauderdale Strikers, ex-Stoke City, 73 caps for England)

BRUCE WILSON
(Vancouver Whitecaps, a Canadian international)

FRANZ BECKENBAUER
(Cosmos, ex-Bayern Munich, former captain of West Germany)

MIKE ENGLAND
(Seattle Sounders, ex-Tottenham Hotspur, former captain of Wales)

MEL MACHIN
(Seattle Sounders, on loan from Norwich City)

ALAN WEST
(Minnesota Kicks, Luton Town captain, playing on loan)

GEORGE BEST
(Los Angeles Aztecs, ex-Manchester Utd., Irish international, scored 11 goals, now with Fulham)

WOLFGANG SUENHOLZ
(Las Vegas Quick-Silvers, joined from Metros Toronto, ex-Bayern Munich and Hertha 03)

DEREK SMETHURST
(Tampa Bay Rowdies, 19 goals, from South Africa)

STEVE DAVID
(L.A. Aztecs, joined from Miami Toros, league top scorer with 26 goals, also top scorer in 1975 with 23)

PELE
(Cosmos, ex-Santos and Brazil, scored 13 goals. Now retired)

Wolfgang Sunholz

Mel Machin

Mike England

Alan West

Derek Smethurst

Steve David

Taylor hits goalies at 100mph

LONDON.— Tottenham Hotspur and England winger Peter Taylor has become probably the first soccer player in the world to have his shot electronically timed at more than 100 mph (160 km/h).

Taylor hit a 2.4 metre by 1.8 metre board from 13 metres with a ferocious left-foot shot registering 101.99 mph (about 164 km/hr) on an electronic speed metre.

That shot easily won him the speed shooting competition sponsored by a London newspaper.

Arsenal's **Malcolm Macdonald,** who won the first competition last year with a shot of 70.11 mph (113 km/hr) could not compete this year because of injury.

Peter Taylor

Hajduk one of last eight, Innsbruck dumps Celtic

Hajduk Split, the club which is almost certain to tour Australia in June, advanced to the last eight of the Cup Winners' Cup while its compatriots of Red Star Belgrade were crushed 5-1 by Borussia Moenchengladbach in the European Cup.

Borussia, the beaten finalist last year, had won the first leg in Belgrade 3-0.

Liverpool, the European Cup holder, lost 1-2 to the East Germans of **Dynamo Dresden** in Dresden but advanced 6-3 on aggregate.

Benfica of Portugal, which has won the European Cup twice, and Holland's **Ajax,** which has won it three times, both advanced, but another former winner, **Glasgow Celtic,** displayed the poor form which has it struggling in fourth last place in the Scottish league when it was eliminated by **Innsbruck** of Austria 4-2 on aggregate.

The re-run of last year's Cup Winners' Cup final between Hamburg and Anderlecht saw the Belgians get their revenge against the German Cup holders.

A goal by **Kevin Keegan** enabled Hamburg to force a 1-1 draw in Brussels but it wasn't enough, and Anderlecht won 3-2 on aggregate to become favorite for the trophy.

Another Yugoslav team which may tour Australia next year, **Dinamo Zagreb,** advanced to the last 6 in the UEFA Cup, beating **Torino** of Italy 1-0 in Zagreb to complete an aggregate victory of 3-2.

Bayern Munich lost 0-2 to **Marek Stanke Dimitrov** of Bulgaria but advanced on a 3-2 aggregate.

Grasshoppers of Zurich wiped out a slender deficit against the Czechoslovaks of **Inter-Bratislava** and surged to a 5-1 win.

Their city neighbours, **Zurich,** were not so lucky in Frankfurt where **Eintracht** beat them 4-3 to win 7-3.

Magdeburg added a two-goal advantage in Gelsenkirchen to the two goal lead they had taken in the first leg against **Schalke,** leaving the East 7-3 winners of the all-German tie.

But fellow East Germans **Carl Zeiss Jena** needed a penalty contest to carry them through against the Belgians of **Racing White Daring (RWD) Molembeek** after again sharing two goals with them.

European Cup

In Moenchengladbach: **Borussia Moenchelgladbach** (West Germany) 5 **Red Star Belgrade** (Yugoslavia) 1. Borussia won 8-1 on aggregate.

In Amsterdam: **Ajax Amsterdam** (Holland) 2 **Levski Spartak** (Bulgaria) 1. Ajax won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Turin: Juventus (Italy) 5 **Glenteran** (Northern Ireland) 0. Juventus won 6-0 on aggregate.

In Athens: **Panathinaikos** (Greece) 1 **Bruges** (Belgium) 0. Bruges won 2-1 on aggregate.

In Dresden: **Dynamo Dresden** (East Germany) 2 **Liverpool** (England) 1. Liverpool won 6-3 on aggregate.

In Copenhagen: **1903 Copenhagen** (Denmark) 0 **Benfica** (Portugal) 1. Benfica won 2-0 on aggregate.

In Salzburg: **Innsbruck** (Austria) 3 **Celtic** (Scotland) 0. Innsbruck won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Madrid: **Atletico Madrid** (Spain) 2 **Nantes** (France) 1. Atletico won 3-2 on aggregate.

Cup Winners' Cup

In Manchester: **Manchester United** (England) 5 **FC Porto** (Portugal) 2. Porto win 6-5 on aggregate.

In Brussels: **Anderlecht** (Belgium) 1 **Hamburg** (West Germany) 1. Anderlecht won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Kosice: **Lokomotiv Kosice** (Czechoslovakia) 1 **Austria Wien** (Austria) 1. Austria Wien qualify on away goal.

In Salonika: **POAK Salonika** (Greece) 2 **Vejle** (Denmark) 1. Vejle won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Bergen: **Brann Bergen** (Norway) 1 **Twente Enschede** (Holland) 2. Twente won 4-1 on aggregate.

In Craiova: **Craiova Universitates** (Romania) 2 **Dinamo Moscow** (Soviet Union) 0. Aggregate 2-2. Dinamo won on post-match penalties.

In Split: **Hajduk Split** (Yugoslavia) 2 **Diosgyoer** (Hungary) 1. Hajduk won on post-match penalties.

In Seville: **Real Betis Seville** (Spain) 2 **Lokomotiv Leipzig** (East Germany) 1. Real Betis won 3-2 on aggregate.

UEFA Cup

In Zagreb: **Dinamo Zagreb** (Yugoslavia) 1 **Torino** (Italy) 0. Torino won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Jena: **Carl Zeiss Jena** (West Germany) 1 **RWD Molenbeek** (Belgium) 1. Aggregate 2-2. Carl Zeiss won on post match penalties.

In Gelsenkirchen: **Schalke 04** (West Germany) 1 **Magdeburg** (East Germany) 3. Magdeburg won 7-3 on aggregate.

In Liege: **Standard Liege** (Belgium) 4 **AEK Athens** (Greece) 1. Standard Liege won 6-3 on aggregate.

Kevin Keegan — scored for Hamburg.

In Newcastle: **Newcastle United** (England) 1 **Bastia** (France) 3. Bastia won 5-2 on aggregate.

In Bilbao: **Atletico Bilbao** (Spain) 3 **Ujpest Dozsa** (Hungary) 0. Atletico won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Lens: **Lens** (France) 6 **Lazio** (Italy) 0. Lens won 6-2 on aggregate.

In Stanke Dimitrov: **Marek Stanke Dimitrov** (Bulgaria) 2 **Bayern Munich** (West Germany) 0. Bayern won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Zabrze: **Gornik Zabrze** (Poland) 1 **Aston Villa** (England) 1. Aston Villa won 3-1 on aggregate.

In Zurich: **Grasshoppers Zurich** (Switzerland) 5 **Inter Bratislava** (Czechoslovakia) 1. Grasshoppers won 5-2 on aggregate.

In Las Palmas: **Union Las Palmas** (Spain) 3 **Ipswich Town** (England) 3. Ipswich won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Barcelona: **Barcelona** (Spain) 1 **AZ '67 Alkmaar** (Holland) 1. Barcelona won on post-match penalties.

In Brunswick: **Eintracht Brunswick** (West Germany) 4 **Start Kristinsand** (Norway) 0. Eintracht won 4-1 on aggregate.

In Eindhoven: **PSV Eindhoven** (Holland) 1 **Widzew Lodz** (Poland) 0. PSV won 6-3 on aggregate.

In Frankfurt: **Eintracht Frankfurt** (West Germany) 4 **Zurich** (Switzerland) 3. Eintracht won 7-3 on aggregate.

Here is the past record of the clubs remaining in the European Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup (results in the current series not included):

EUROPEAN CUP

	Wins	No. of times participated	P	W	D	L	Goals	Pts
Benfica Lisbon	2	16	88	43	19	24	191:102	105
Ajax Amsterdam	3	9	51	31	9	11	91: 48	71
Atletico Madrid		4	33	18	6	9	56: 31	42
Juventus Turin		7	35	16	7	12	43: 20	39
FC Liverpool	1	4	27	15	5	7	55: 27	35
Bor. Moenchengladbach		4	23	11	9	3	58: 20	31
FC Bruges		2	10	5	3	2	23: 12	13
Wacker Innsbruck		4	8	0	1	7	3: 21	1

CUP WINNERS' CUP

	Wins	No. of times participated	P	W	D	L	Goals	Pts
SC Anderlecht	1	3	20	13	1	6	39:18	27
Dynamo Moscow		1	9	4	3	2	12: 9	11
Hajduk Split		3	14	5	1	8	17:18	11
FC Porto		2	8	4	2	2	10: 9	10
Austria Wien		3	12	3	3	6	14:16	9

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ARGENTINA TO LOSE $394M. ON WORLD CUP

BUENOS AIRES, — Excitement already is climbing over The World Cup to be played here next year, but so are worries over money and inflation.

From ERIC WEIL

Even the head of the military government's committee in charge of organising the championship thinks Argentina is going to come out a loser, in terms of investment and revenue.

Army General Antonio Merlo, head of the committee, says Argentina can expect a staggering $349,000,000 loss by the time the extravaganza is over.

General Merlo said the government will have invested about $355,000,000 by the time the championship starts on June 1. 1978.

The government expects to get back less than about $17,800,000 in television and other publicity rights. The rest is lost, General Merlo admitted.

How can a country with a 150 per cent inflation rate and frequent Peso devaluations afford this loss? Experts say the economy will suffer even more.

Then why don't they cancel the championship? Argentine watchers say the military government does not want to commit political suicide by scrapping plans for a championship which is the mecca for the soccer religion here.

Also, they believe they can make up the loss through the publicity the country will get.

"The cost is well worthwhile as it will project the image of the country all over the world through the eyes of the world," General Merlo said.

Critics contend that those who come here and the millions who watch on television will not be interested in much more than the action on the soccer field.

The revenue from television rights is separate from what the thousands of tourists are expected to spend.

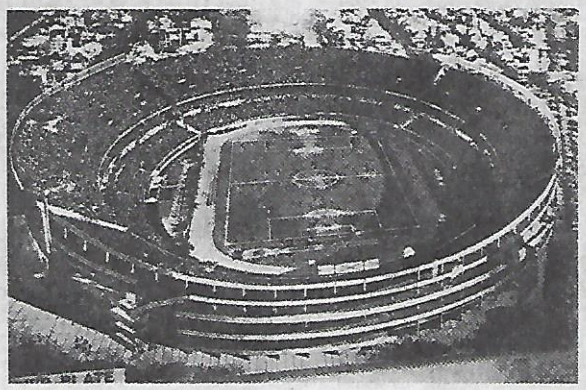
The main expenditure is on the restoration and construction of stadiums where the matches will be — Buenos Aires, Mar Del Plata, 250 miles to the south, Mendoza, 660 miles to the west, Cordoba, 450 miles to the northwest and Rosarid. 150 miles to the north.

Critics also say that the stadiums being built in the interior are too large for those areas and will be basically empty after the World Cup is over.

Inspections of these stadiums earlier this month showed that work was 70 per cent completed and on schedule.

The main stadium here will hold 82,000, 45,000 seated. The stadium in Mar Del Plata, will hold 45,000, Mendoza 50,000, Cordoba 53,000 and Rosario 55,000. (Through AAP).

Views of the River Plate and Velez Sarsfield Stadia in Buenos Aires and of Rosario Central in Rosario, as they will appear after extensions and alterations.



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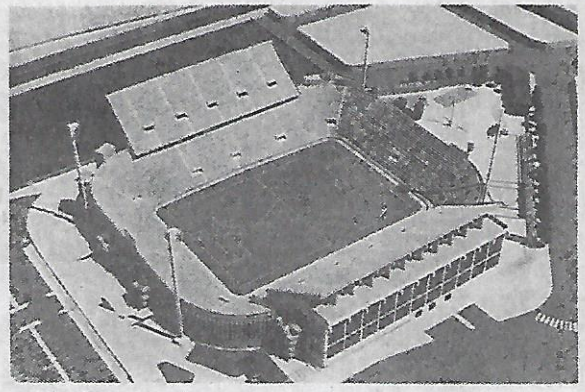

● *VELEZ SARSFIELD*

● *ROSARIO CENTRAL*

Hungarian star Bela Veradi (centre) of Vasas Budapest with the silver boot award he received for being the second highest goalscorer in Europe. The golden boot for the top scorer went to Dudu Georgescu (right) of Rumania and the bronze boot for the third highest scorer went to Dieter Mueller (left) of West Germany.

Varadi top man in booming Hungarian team

If there's one man who deserves special praise for getting Hungary to the verge of qualification for the World Cup finals, it's winger Bela Varadi of Vasas Budapest.

Varadi, who earned his 25th cap against Bolivia last week, is the national team's top scorer.

No wonder! This free kick specialist was the second highest goalscorer in Europe after the league championships. His 36 goals for Vasas earned him the "France Football" — Adidas silver boot award. **Dudu Georgescu** of Rumania won the golden boot.

Varadi scored one of the goals in Hungary's 6-0 win over Bolivia in the Budapest leg of their World Cup qualifying match and will once again be the danger man in the return leg in La Paz on November 30.

So, in Varadi, Hungary at least has one big name to replace the stars of the past — stars like**Janos Farkas, Ferenc Bene, Florian Albert, Ferenc Puskas** etc.

Under experienced manager **Lajos Baroti,** 63, the Hungarians have developed into a very fine team indeed.

Its record this year reads: 8 wins, 2 draws, 3 losses, 29:17 goals

been against Poland 2-1, Czechoslovakia 2-0, the Soviet Union 2-1, Yugoslavia 4-3 and Sweden 3-0.

It qualified for the final play-off with Bolivia by winning European Group Nine against the Soviet Union and Greece.

Another outstanding Hungarian apart from Varadi is **Andras Torocsik,** a strong, aggressive forward with incredible skills and the shot of a cannon in either foot.

Torocsik can be compared with **Bene,** while midfielder **Tibor Nyilasi** is similar in style to the great **Jozsef Bozsik** of the fifties.

Hungary's basic pool of players is:

Goalkeepers: Sandor Gujdar, Ferenc Meszaros.

Defenders-midfielders: Laszlo Kovacs, Peter Torok, Gyozo Martos, Istvan Kocsis, Laszlo Balint, Zoltan Tereki, Tibor Rab, Jozsef Toth, Sandor Lukacs, Tibor Nylasi, Sandor Pinter.

Strikers: Sandor Zombori, Andras Toth, Laszlo Fazekas, Laszlo Pusztai, Andras Torocsik, Istvan Kovacs, Ignac

Germans on $30,000 bonus

Every West German player will receive $30,600 if they win the World Cup.

For travelling to Argentina, each man will get $4800.

A further $4800 will be paid for reaching the second round.

Should the team reach the last four, each man will get $7000.

This means that for finishing third or fourth, they will get at least $16,600.

For reaching the final, the internationals can expect another $7000, which works out to $23,600 a man for finishing second.

If the team retains the Cup it won in 1974, every man will get a further $7000, making a total of $30,600.

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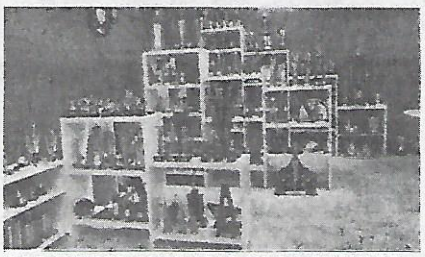

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ZIKA NIKOLIC

Sa ovim brojem se zavrsava druga godina "Soccer Actiona". Retko koji list, posvecen samo jednoj sportskoj grani, moze da se pohvali slicnim tirazom i kvalitetom informacija. Niko, kome je nogomet razonoda ili zanimanje, nije bio zaboravljen niti zapostavljen na stranicama ovog jedinstvenog lista. Nadamo se da ce iduce godine jos bolje sluziti nogometu, kome je meophodan nezavistan i sveobuhvatan list za uspesan razvoj i napredak.

STARI OSTAJU, NOVI DOLAZE

Razgovarao sam sa upravom JUST-a i trenerom Cirkovicem o buducnosti kluba u skoroj buducnosti, jer kruze razne glasine, uglavnom bez osnova. Nasuprot alarmantnim i tendencioznim izvorima (sto uzgred receno liju krokodilske suze zbog Cirkoviceve lojalnosti premau klubu), koji uzaludno prorokuji da ce cetiri igraca otici iz kluba, "plavi" tabor je uveren da ce iduce godine JUST biti jaci najmanje za 2 - 3 igraca iz Voktorije i Jugoslavije. Talentovani mladici se neprestano nude Cirkovicu da ih proba u "plavom" dresu, jer znaju da je JUST dovodio igrace sa strane, ali je jos vise davao sansu svojim juniorima, koji su uvek (a najvise danas) bili stub prvog tima.

Za JUST je jednako vazno pitanje svog igralista, koje se nalazi na idealnom mestu. Ceprkanje po njemu nije nikakvo resenje, narocito posle konacnog odobrenja svih planova. Kazu da je upotreba tudjih igralista kostala JUST preko 20.000 dolara ove godine, ne racunajuci prihod od kantine. Jedan pristojan stadion doneo bi "plavima" vise od 50.000 dolara, jer bi se na njemu igralo preko cele godine, a uz to bi imao "stanara".

TROFEJ ROGERA MERVICHA

Od ove godine, odnosno od srede 16. novembra kada se odrzava "Presentation Night", najbolji JUST-ov igrac dobice trofej koji ce nositi naziv ROGER MERVICH TROPHY. Igraci najbolje znaju sta je pokojni Roger znacio za njih kaho master i covek. Na istoj veceri bice podeljeni oustali trofeji svim igracima JUST-a, dok ce juniori dobiti medalje na prvoj prijateljskoj utakmici, verovatno iduce nedelje u Lilidaju.

"VRATIA SE STANE"

Pocetake popularne dalmatinske pesme "Vratia se Sime" poklapa se idealno sa najnovijim zivotnim navikama popularnog igraca Tomislava Stankovica, koji je postao prava ptica selica. Sest meseci provede u Jugoslaviji, a sest u Australiji, tako da za njega nema vise zime. Vratio se u Melburn pre nekoliko dana pun utisaka. Iako je star 46 godina (ne krije starost) bio je aktivan igrac u ligi veterana. Pored toga je trenirao zensku ekipu FK "Smederevo", koja je clan jedinstvene savezne lige. Po onome sto je pokazao na mnogim utakmicama svako je verovao da Stankovic nema vise od 30 godina, a mi znamo da je u Melburnu bio magnet za publiku kada je imao 42 godine. Popularni Stane je bio iznenadjen kada je cuo da je nogometna sezona zavrsena u Australiji, a da iduca pocinje tek marta iduce godine. On smatra da je tako dug odmor stetan za nogomet, posebno igrace, koji ce potraziti drugu razonodu.

TRECA SRECA

Tek u trecem susretu TARAX je uspeo da pobedi reprezentaciju Industriske Lige, iako je nastupio bez zvucnih imena kao sto su Ristovski, Rujevic, Micic itd.

TARAX je pobedio sa 2:1 (0:0) zahvaljujuci Sandor Kaziju, kome je Mandrak pozajmio carobni stapic na golu. Pravio je takve bravure da mu je desni half Marko Fode svaki cas pljeskao.

TARAX je nastupio usledecem sastavu: Kazi, Todorovic, R. Kresinger, A. Dosen, Davis, Fode, Griffith (Kosovac), M. Kresinger, Adamovic, Pantic, Ovcar.

Pretpostavlja se da reprezentacija nije ozbiljno shvatila treci susret sa istim protivnikom, sto pokazuje gostovanje prosle nedelje u Geelong. Reprezentacija Industriske Lige je pregazila gostoljubivog domacina sa 8:0 (2:0). Najmanje posla su imali vratari Sandor Kazi i kasnije Drago Kurjan. Strelchi: Horsefall 3, George Scorsi 3 i Vili Ovcar 2.

PEGAZUS je pred 80 zvanica dodelio trofej najboljeg igraca ROMANU PETELNIKU, koji je kao junior igrao u Ljubljani za Olimpiju. U Melburnu igra uspesno vise godina za razne klubove (jedne godine za Melbourne u Drzavnoj Ligi), a ova godina mu je majbolja.

TARAX je takodje podelio proslog ponedeljka uvece trofeje najboljim igracima. Najbolji strelac je bio Milos Adamovic (23 gola), Najbolji igrac Stevan Kosovac, a najvise je napredovao Mladen Kresinger.

Thomastown takes Valley Cup

The Diamond Valley Invitation 11-a-side series was won by Thomastown, with Rosanna the runner-up.

A large crowd saw some high standard games, especially the semi final between Gladstone Park and Thomastown who put on a display that was of State League standard.

Thomastown won by the only goal. Rosanna was the surprise of the series and proved just how good it is in the final, forcing the Thomastown keeper to make some acrobatic saves.

With this performance, he won the best player award for the final.

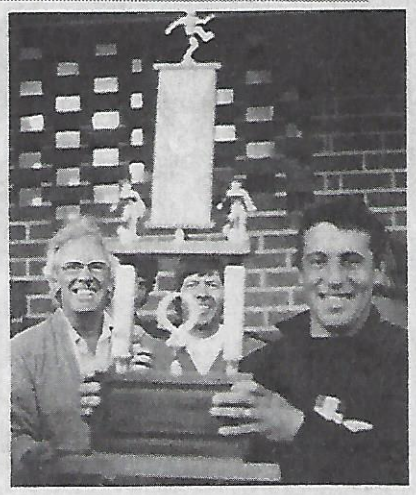
Greensboro, host of the competition was delighted with the four referees, **Sam Zoumas, Nick Karlich, Mick Gorte** and **Alf Beer,** especially when **Nick Karlich** entered the penalty kick competition and was greeted by some friendly ribbing from the crowd.

Nick by the way scored four from his five spot kicks. The penalty kick competition drew a large entry, with 95 seniors taking part.

The final play-off was exciting, with **Hugh Humphries** and **Howard Smith** of 'Boro scoring four goals each, then going for a second round with Smith scoring five and Humphries' last shot rebounding from the crossbar.

The goalkeepers' for the final spot kicks were **Dave Payne** of 'Boro and **Linden Finlay** of Eltham. Both were presented with gold medals for their efforts.

The winners of trophies were: Thomastown for winning the final; Rosanna runner-up; best player **J. Cochrane** (Eltham), trophy donated by Tony Rafferty of the Golden Bowl; Penalty kick champs: Senior's H. Smith ('Boro). Junior's K. Bateman ('Boro); best team on the day: Keeley Utd. These three trophies were donated by Wootton's of Greensboro and the main trophy was designed and donated by J. Harry of Greensboro.



Thomastown captain Charlie Rizzo with the Diamond Valley Invitation Cup. At left is Greensborouah SC president L. Stafford and in the background is Tony Rafferty of the Golden Bowl.

JUNIOR SOCCER ACTION

Mulgrave hands out trophies

Mulgrave juniors ended the season with their annual best player presentations and a trip to Albury for games against Melrose Park Rangers and Albury United.

The club's trophy winners were:

Under 8: best player **Darren McLure; almost improved Dean Hendricks;** best team man **Peter Hamilton.**

Under 9A: best player **Robert Mathieson;** most improved **Frank Menna;** best team man **Mark Ackers.**

Under 9B: best player **Tony Namar;** most improved **Craig Scrivens;** best team man **Shane Constable.**

Under 10A: best player **Phillip Bennadick;** most improved **Johnny Patterson;** best team man: **Mark Wright.**

Under 10B: best player **Peter Byrne;** most improved **Dominic Perisimoto;** best team man **John Ward.**

Under 11: best player **Adam Daniels;** most improved **Simon Appleman;** best team man **Tony Kibler.**

Under 12: best player **Jimmy Vissenjoux;** most improved **Danny Ruben;** best team man **Paul Maringema.**

Under 13: best player **Robert Velardo;** most improved **David Shade;** best team man **Chris Ellicott.**

Brighton's under 10s were most upset at a mistake in "Soccer Action" a few weeks ago. We printed that in the Junior Cup final, Albion Rovers beat Brighton 10-4. In fact, the score was only 2-1. The Brighton boys are pictured above, standing from left: S. Sacco (manager), K. Gambas, A. Dawson, R. Herman, J. O'Sullivan, M. Scott, A. McLeod, A. Scialpi, D. Campbell (coach). Front: D. Ballerini, J. D'Amico, D. van den Hoven, L. Campbell, N. Hoar, R. Sacco, A. Morris.

One of Mulgrave's eight junior teams.

Boys show benefit of good coaching

The boys of Hampton Wanderers' under 11s won the championship this year, despite the fact that most of them had not played soccer before joining the club.

Much credit is due to the coaches, **Laurie Knight** and **Mal Loncaric** who showed patience and understanding in moulding raw material into a formidable team that was feared and respected in its division, which featured other fine teams like Frankston Pines, Brighton and Caulfield.

In winning the championship, Hampton Wanderers scored 88 goals to 10, mainly due to excellent team work.

However, there were also a number of outstanding individuals — **Harry Sthmatopoulos, Acki Diogenis** and **John Mpaloukas.**

Hampton Wanderers also ran an under 13 team which came third in its league and next year the club hopes to form a third team.

Any boys in the Hampton area wishing to play soccer should contact **Laurie Knight** on 90-5236 after 5 pm. or **Clarrie Longden** on 598-9070 after 5 pm.

Some of the dedicated leaders of the Mulgrave club.

Hat trick heroes

The "Soccer Action" Hat-Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scores three or more goals in any league, Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

Coaches are asked to supply the following information:

1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more).
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3. The team against which he scored the goals.
4. Date of the game.

Send the information to **"Soccer** [illegible] forward the certificate free of charge as an incentive to keep on scoring those goals!

The boys' name will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes", published every week.

This weeks' hat-trick heroes:

Harlios Stamatopoulos, 11, (Hampton Wanderers); **John Mpaloukas,** 11, four goals (Hampton Wanderers); **Aisglozidou Diogenis,** 11, nine goals (Hampton Wanderers); **Martin Lee,** 11, (Hampton W.); **George Argyrose,** 11 (Hampton W.); **Alistair Lee** 11 (Hampton W.)

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ΗΤΑΝ ΜΙΑ ΑΞΕΧΑΣΤΗ ΧΡΟΝΙΑ

PETER GEORGIOU

of the 'Hellenic Herald'

Σήμερα γράφουμε γιά τήν τελευταία έκδοση τῆς ἐφημερίδος, τήν τελευταία γιά τό 1977!

Μαζί μ' αὐτό τό ἄρθρο κλείνει καί μιά πολυτάραχη ὅσο καί καινούργια γιά τήν Αὐστραλία ποδοσφαιρική περίοδος.

Ἦταν πράγματι μιά ἀξέχαστη χρονιά. Τό πρῶτο ἐθνικό πρωτάθλημα τῆς Αὐστραλίας.

Κατά διαστήματα ἐπισημάναμε τά λάθη τῶν διοργανωτῶν της καί πολύ λίγα ἀπό αὐτά διορθώθηκαν. Ἦταν ὅμως μιά χρονιά πλούσια σέ γεγονότα εὐχάριστα, δυσάρεστα, ἀκόμα καί ἀπρόοπτα. Μόνον ἕξη προπονητές ἀπό τούς δεκατέσσερεις παράμεναν στίς ὁμάδες τους μέχρι τό τέλος τῆς περιόδου. Τέσσερα γήπεδα βγῆκαν ἀκατάλληλα γιά νά χρησιμοποιηθοῦν ἄλλα χειρότερα.

Οἱ ὁμάδες εἶχαν τό δικαίωμα νά ἀναβάλουν τό παιγνίδι ἔτσι καί τύχανε νά εἶναι κουραστικό τό ταξείδι γιά τούς παίκτες της.

Εἴχαμε ὅμως καί εὐχάριστες στιγμές στό πρῶτο ἐθνικό πρωτάθλημα. Εἴχαμε τήν εὐχάριστη ἔκπληξη νά δοῦμε τήν 'Αδελαΐδα νά συναγωνίζεται καί τίς περισσότερες φορές νά ξεπερνᾶ σέ ἀριθμό φιλάθλων τή Μελβούρνη, ἐνῶ τό Σύδνεϋ σπάνια ἔφθασε σέ μεγάλους ἀριθμούς φιλάθλων. Ἡ Μελβούρνη ἔπιασε 15 καί 13 χιλιάδες σέ δύο ἀγῶνες.

Τά κανονικά ὀνόματα τῶν ὁμάδων συνέχισαν νά ἀκούγονται ἀπό τούς φιλάθλους —ποτέ δέν ἄλλαξαν— παρά τήν ἀνόητη σκέψη τῶν διοργανωτῶν νά ἀγγλοποιήσουν τά ὀνόματα. Γιά μιά ἀκόμη φορά οἱ μετανάστες ἀπέδειξαν ὅτι εἶναι ἡ καρδιά τοῦ ποδοσφαίρου τῆς Αὐστραλίας.

Κατά τήν διάρκεια τοῦ πρώτου ἐθνικοῦ πρωταθλήματος εἴδαμε μεγάλα ἀστέρια τοῦ ποδοσφαίρου νά παίρνουν μέρος στούς ἀγῶνες σάν φιλοξενούμενοι παίκτες.

Παίκτες σάν τούς Μακντόναλντ, Τσάρλυ Τζώρτζ, Ντήξυ Ντήνς, Βιέρι, Μανέκας καί Σῶνες, ἔδωσαν ὁ καθένας μέ τόν τρόπο του ἰδιαίτερο χρῶμα στό ἐθνικό πρωτάθλημα.

Ἄν καί ἡ ἐθνική κατηγορία δέν εἶχε καμμία ἀνάμιξη φέτος ἀπολαύσαμε ἕνα διεθνές τουρνουά κλάσεως μέ σούπερ ὁμάδες ὅπως ὁ Ἐρυθρός Ἀστέρας, ἡ Σέλτικ καί ἡ Ἄρσεναλ.

Φέτος εἴχαμε τήν εὐκαιρία νά δοῦμε καί μερικά νέα ταλέντα, ν' ἀπολαύσουμε καί κατά τήν γνώμη μου αὐτό ἦταν καί τό καλύτερο ἐπίτευγμα τοῦ ἐθνικοῦ πρωταθλήματος.

Παίκτες σάν τόν Ντάνυ Μουλή καί τόν Πῆτερ Σάρν μαζί μέ τούς ἤδη καθιερωμένους νεαρούς Κοσμίνα, αλαφατίδη, Ριστόφσκυ, Μαρόκι, τούς κάτω τῶν 21 δηλαδή, ἀποτελοῦν τήν πιό πραγματική ἐγγύηση τοῦ ποδοσφαίρου στήν Αὐστραλία.

Φέτος εἴχαμε τήν κάλυψη περισσοτέρων ἀγώνων ἀπό τό Κανάλι «0» μιά καί νούργια ἰδέα γιά τήν καλύτερη προώθηση τοῦ ποδοσφαίρου ἔστω καί ἄν ἡ προβολή τῶν ἀγώνων γινόταν πολύ ἀργά.

Ἀπό τίς Ἑλληνικές ὁμάδες Ἑλλάς Μελβούρνης, Ἑλλάς Ἀδελαΐδος, Ὀλύμπικ καί Ἀλέξανδρο τά πρωτεῖα πῆρε φέτος ὁ Ἀλέξανδρος σπάζοντας τό κατεστημένο τοῦ Σύδνεϋ, μέ τήν τρίτη θέση πού κατέλαβε. Ἡ ἄλλη ὁμάδα πού στάθηκε καλά ἦταν ἡ Ἑλλάς Ἀδελαΐδος πού τερμάτισε 7η στό πρωτάθλημα, ἐνῶ οἱ ὑπόλοιπες δύο εἶχαν ἄσχημη πορεία.

Ἦταν λοιπόν μία ἀξιόλογη ἀπό κάθε πλευρά ποδοσφαιρική περίοδος τό 1977.

Τό μόνο μελανό σημεῖο εἶναι ἡ κακή πορεία τῆς ἐθνικῆς ὁμάδος στούς προκριματικούς τοῦ παγκοσμίου κυπέλλου.

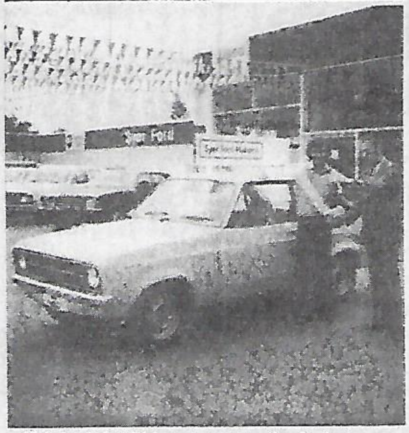
Ἡ στήλη καθ' ὅλη τήν διάρκεια τῆς χρονιᾶς προσπάθησε νά ἐκφράσει τήν γνώμη της πάνω στίς διάφορες καταστάσεις πού δημιουργήθηκαν μέ ὅση ἀκρίβεια καί δημοκρατικότητα τῆς ἐπιτρέπει ἡ δημοσιογραφία.

Ὁπωσδήποτε δέν μπορέσαμε νά συμφωνήσουμε μέ ὅλους τος ἀναγνῶστες στά διάφορα θέματα. Ἄν καταφέρναμε ὅμως κάτι τέτοιο τότε θά χανόταν ἡ ἐλευθερία τῆς συζήτησης.

Εὐχαριστεῖ δέ ὅλους τούς ἀναγνῶστες γιά τά γράμματά τους καί ἐλπίζει νά διαβάσει περισσότερα τήν ἑπόμενη χρονιά.

Κλείνοντας εὐχόμαστε σ' ὅλους τούς ἀναγνῶστες Καλές Γιορτές.

Θά τά ξαναποῦμε στό 2ο Ἐθνικό Πρωτάθλημα.



Victorian Industrial league secretary, Ron Darlington, presents Mr L. Chapple with the keys to the Ford Escort car which was the major prize in the Industrial League's 1977 bonanza raffle.

Mr Chapple, who bought his ticket through A.H.D. Soccer Club, was unaware of his success for four days until contacted by Jim Callaghan who sold him the ticket.

The Victorian Industrial League completed its first season of representative soccer with a convincing 8-0 win over Western Victoria Soccer League at Geelong last Sunday.

The I.S.L.V. team proved to be far too strong for W.V.S.L. as the scoreline indicates, but full credit to the losers for their honest endeavour and never-say-die spirit.

The main architects of the Industrial League's win were **Roman Petelinek** and **Hammy McMeechan** who, once they got the measure of a hard bumpy surface, provided a constant flow of passes to the forwards, two of whom, **Barry Horsfall** and **George Skorsis,** accepted them gratefully and scored hat-tricks.

The goal which completed Horsfall's hat-trick came from the nicest piece of ball artistry you could wish to see before he pushed it past the keeper.

Western Victoria S.L. had some outstanding players, like **Boris** as centre back who was easily the best man in their team.

Hurt at inside forward also impressed as did **Rhodes** who normally plays with the under-18 team and must benefit from this outing against more experienced players.

The remaining goals were scored by **Willy Ovcar** who earned his first by persistence and scored the second and last goal of the match direct from a corner.

The teams enjoyed a barbecue after the match and cemented a relationship which is sure to continue in future years to the mutual benefit of both Leagues and to soccer in particular.

—RON DARLINGTON.

The Victorian Industrial League representative league, standing from left: Frank McColgan, Joe Mori, Willy Ovcar, Roman Petelnik, Manny Tsivoglou, Steve Power, Ian Johnson, coach Tony Vrzina. Front: Roger Harris, Hammy McMeechan, Chris Skoris, George Skoris, Miguel Pena, Keith Thompson, Joe Keenan.

SHAME ON US!

Another soccer year has faded into the summer cricket season, so what better time to review AD 1977?

KNUT WERNER

. . . If I can remember it.

Let's see . . . a new form of soccer was started, if I recall.

That's it, a new national league was introduced which raged over the east coast and as far west as Adelaide.

This league, lavishly sponsored by Philips Industries, tended to reduce the other leagues in Australia to quasi-modes.

And, as a paper trying to go national with the soccer revolution, we tended to favor the national league, obviously by choice not by fluke.

With this, criticism came thick and fast.

"This used to be a good paper till youse started to put in things about some Sydney club and only gave State soccer a teeny-weeny two pages."

And . . .

"Just because we only have one full-time $15 per game player, and have only missed three games this year because we couldn't find the ground, or some of our players didn't feel like playing, is no reason we shouldn't get as much space in the paper as the national league, just because they're big shots and get a lot of following and do important things."

Yes, we were guilty of relegating some State issues to a secondary place in the Australian world of soccer. We did this because we could not convince the progeny of David Syme to turn the publication into a philanthropic exercise to please half a dozen mothers who like sending pictures of their boys to the old country to prove that they live in a land of limitless opportunities.

We had to go for the big stuff to get enough money to keep paying me, and so we could have a Christmas party.

Another big event was the televising of the national league by that well known common denominator ATV0 and its sister stations elsewhere.

Through them we got as much promotion as Adolph Hitler's finer points.

I don't think I even saw a promotion for the programme itself.

Then came our insistence on using the long standing ethnic names to recognise the various clubs.

This created more criticism, based on the fact that to bring soccer to prominence in this country, we have to start using names that sound Australian or English.

Our argument for the retention of the Hellases, Juventuses, Alexanders etc. was based on the promise that these clubs get enormous crowds, usually associated with the meaning of the above-mentioned labels.

This was born out by the fact that Mooroolbark's spectators command as much stadium space as a fat schizophrenic.

As a personal argument, I prefer the traditional titles for their color. Remember how politicians, especially around election time, (which appears to be all the time), keep telling us what an important contribution the migrants have made to the Australian cuisine, cosmopolitanism and culture?

So why is it that there are certain people wishing to react to this fact of life?

Let us consider the luscious tags given to newly formed ethnic areas. Before the source of immigrants shifted from Mother England and diversified, there was the wistful Western Australia, the onomatopoeic South Australia, the lyrical Northern Territory and of course, that poetically inspiring polymot — New South Wales.

Why, the pleasantness with which such a romantically sounding place like Western Suburbs rolls around the tongue makes names such as Hakoah seem as bland as sand.

How can such a common, base, prosaic handle like Marconi compete with the inspirational, idyllic Brisbane City?

Then, we had an international tournament this year between Arsenal, Red Star, Celtic and the Austrian national squad.

From a financial point of view, we will not have an international Tournament next year . . . unless someone realises that there's not much going, in terms of football, in Australia during the more clement months, i.e., summer.

Later on in the year, our editorial carried a suggestion that it is time Australian soccer (in the national team) turned away from the English style of play as this was not achieving much against our opponents.

Well, Englishmen from all over rushed into the hot sun to commandeer red phones and wish mad dogs on us.

It seems that Liverpool won the European Cup and this conclusive proof that the English style of play is the most advanced in the world.

I don't have worms, I drink a lot of whisky, which means that if one drinks whisky, one does not get worms.

The Socceroos don't appear to have an Idi Amin's chance of a Nobel Prize in getting to Argentina to represent Asia in the World Cup.

But criticism of the way the Australian team has played or been handled is apparently tantamount to insurgency and totally un-Australian. I would be convicted of premeditated spleen-venting and witchcraft!

That's about all I can remember of the big issues this year.

For those who have been confused by this column over the years, remember you stand not alone. I'm with you all the way.

NEW RECORD

MILAN. — The First Division derby between Milan and Inter at San Siro stadium here set an Italian record for gate receipts from a league soccer match.

The 80,000 fans paid 362,608,000 lire (more than 367,000 dollars) in entrance money — almost 38 million lire (38,000 dollars) more than the previous record, set last year also at San Siro.

Milan, the First Division leader, won the match 3-1.

Stars of future

Watch these players. They're all going places.

They're the boys who comprised the Victorian team that won the Australian schoolboys' (under 18) championship in Adelaide, standing from left: Nigel Plaskett (Karingal), Lou Tsigaris (SM-Hellas), Sandor Nagy (Hakoah), Mike Shuttleworth (Mooroolbark), Andy Miller (Slavia), Tom O'Halloran (Ringwood City), Jim Wilson (Doveton), Horatio Matesivic (Sunshine), Ottie Toth (Melbourne), George Christopoulos (Coburg), Demos Koulacas (Collingwood). Front from left: Joe Calleda (Juventus), Jim Armstrong (manager), Eddie Krncevic (Essendon Lions), Lou Sannipoli (Juventus), Bobby McLachlan (coach), Garryl Gooch (Slavia), Jeff Olver (Albion Rovers).

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CLUBS: Application for membership of the I.S.L.V. should be made in the first instance to The Secretary, Industrial Soccer League of Victoria, Box 371, Springvale 3171. The closing date for applicants who wish to be considered for League membership in season 1978 is the 1st December 1977.

REFEREES: Experienced referees or persons who wish to become referees and officiate in I.S.L.V. matches should also write to the above address.

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INTERNATIONAL SCOREBOARD

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

The Singapore National Team defeated Spartak Moscow's youth team 4-3 at the national stadium in Singapore.

Half time score was 2.2

SPAIN

Sporting 3 Elche 0; Burgos 2 Rayo Vallecano 1; Real Madrid 1 Valencia 0; Espanol 2 Real Sociedad 0; Seville 1 Real Betis 0; Salamanca 1 Barcelona 0; Las Palmas 3 Atletico Madrid 0; Athletic Bilbao 3 Racing 0.

SOVIET UNION

Dynamo Kiev clinched the Soviet Union soccer championship today when they beat Kairat 4-0. It was the eighth time Dynamo Kiev have won the Soviet title.

Results of other championship matches played today: Dnieper 0 Dynamo Tbilisi 2; Dynamo Moscow 2 Chernomorets Odessa 0; Wings of the Soviets 3 Shakhtyor Donetsk 3; Central Army Sports Club (Moscow) 1 Zarya Voroshilovgrad 1.

POLAND

Played Nov. 1: Lech Poznan 0 Wisla Krakow 0; Polonia Bytom 2 Zawiasz Bydgoszcz 0; Zaglebie Sosnowiec 0 Legia Warsaw 3.

Played up to Nov 6: Ruch Chorzow 1 Widzew Lodz 0; Arka Gdynia 2 Wisla Krakow 2; Gornik Zabrze 2 Stal Mielec 2; Lech Poznan 3 Slask Wroclaw 1; LKS Lodz 1 Zaglebie Sosnowiec 2; Odra Opole 4 Zawiasz Bydgoszcz 2; Pogon Szczecin 1 Polonia Bytom 0; Szombierki Bytom 2 Legia Warsaw 4.

Leading positions:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wisla Krakow	8	7	0	18	9	23
LKS Lodz	6	7	2	16	10	19
Lech Poznan	5	8	2	11	11	18
Legia Warsaw	8	1	6	30	17	17
Stal Mielec	7	3	5	19	14	17

BULGARIA

CSKA Septemvriisko Zname 2 Chernomorets 1; ZSK Spartak 2 Levski Spartak 0; Beroe 2 Akademik Svishtov 1; Botev 0 Cherno More 0; Marek 3 Sliven 1; Lokomotiv Sofia 1 Trakyia 0; Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1 Pirin 0; Slavia 6 Akademik Sofia 0.

Leading standings after 12 rounds:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
CSKA Septemvriisko Zname	8	0	4	27	17	16
Levski Spartak	6	3	3	23	12	15
Lokomotiv Sofia	7	1	4	15	9	15
ZSK Spartak	6	3	3	12	9	15
Beroe	6	2	4	17	11	14

HOLLAND

PSV Eindhoven 0 AZ'67 Alkmaar 0; Sparta Rotterdam 1 FC Twente Enschede 2; FC Den Haag 2 Haarlem 1; NEC Nijmegen 0 Ajax Amsterdam 1; VVV Venlo 3 Utrecht 0; Amsterdam 1 Vitesse Arnhem 1; Volendam 3 Mec Breda 1; Telstar Velsen 0 Feyenoord Rotterdam 1; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 1 Roda JC Kerkrade 2.

Table after 13 rounds:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
PSV	11	2	0	33	3	24
Twente	9	2	2	28	9	20
Ajax	9	2	2	27	12	20
Sparta	7	3	3	19	10	17
AZ'67	6	4	3	31	14	16

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Bohemians Praha 3 ZVL Zilina 0; Tatran Presov 2 Slavia Praha 0; Spartak Trnava 2 Sklo Union Teplice 2; Dukla Banska Bystrica 3 Lokomotiva Kosice 1; Slovan Bratislava 1 Zbrojovka Brno 1; Skoda Pizen 3 Inter Bratislava 1; Banik Ostrava 1 Sparta Praha 0; Dukla Praha 3 Jednota Trencin 1.

The top five teams after the 11th round:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Zbrojovka Brno	7	3	1	31	12	17
Dukla Praha	6	3	2	29	14	15
Bohemians Praha	6	2	3	16	9	14
Lokomotiva Kosice	5	1	4	21	15	14
Slavia Praha	4	4	3	16	16	12

PORTUGAL

Portimonense 0 Benfica 3; Espinho 4 Academico 1; Beavista 0 Braga 2; Varzim 1 Setubal 2; Guimaraes 2 Estoril 0; Belenenses 0 Porto 0; Sporting 5 Feirense 0; Maritimo 1 Riopele 0.

Standing of the leading teams after seven matches:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Benfica	5	2	0	12	3	12
Guimaraes	5	0	2	11	5	10
Porto	4	1	1	14	3	9
Belenenses	4	1	2	7	5	9
Sporting	4	1	2	21	8	9
Espinho	4	1	2	11	9	9
Braga	4	1	2	8	7	9

SECOND DIVISION

NORTHERN ZONE: Famalicao 7 Regua 1; Sanjoanense 0 Rio Ave 0; Aliados De Lordelo 2 Fafe 1; Uniao De Lamas 2 Vizeense 1; Gil Vicente 1 Penafiel 1; Chaves 5 Pacos De Ferreira 0; Vila Real 3 Lourosa 0; Pacos Brandao 1 Leixoes 1.

CENTRAL ZONE: Uniao De Leiria 0 Beira Mar 2; Estrela De Portalegre 0 Covilha 1; Academico De Viseu 3 Peniche 0; Sintrense 1 Uniao De Santarem 1; Morinhense 2 Uniao De Tomar 0; Uniao De Coimbra 2 Mangualde 0; Agueda 1 Portalegrense 1; Cartaxo 2 Marrazes 1.

SOUTHERN ZONE: Olhanense 4 Odivelas 1; Vasco Da Gama De Sines 0 Atletico 1; Barreirense 3 Cova Da Piedade 0; Juventude De Evora 2 Nacional Da Madeira 2; Almada 3 Lusitano De Evora 1; Amora 2 Luso De Barreiro 1; Sesimbra 0 Cuf De Barreiro 1; Montijo 3 Farense 1.

GREECE

Yannina 1 Olympiakos 0; Panachaiki 3 Verroia 0; Egaleo 1 Panathinaikos 0; Iraklis 3 Aris 0; AEK 2 Apollon 0; Kastoria 1 PAOK 1; Ethnikos 2 Kavala 0; Panionios 3 OFI 0; Panserraikos 1 Florikos 0.

Standings of the first five teams:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
AEK	6	1	1	22	8	13
Panathinaikos	4	3	1	15	4	11
Kastoria	4	3	1	12	7	11
Iraklis	4	2	2	16	9	10
Ethnikos	4	2	2	11	7	10

ITALY

Bologna 1 Torino 3; Genoa 0 Foggia 0; Inter 1 Milan 3; Juventus 1 Atlanta 1; L. Vicenza 2 Lazio 1; Napoli 3 Perugia 2; Pescara 2 Verona 2; Roma 2 Fiorentina 2.

First division leaders after round 7:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Milan	4	3	0	14	7	11
Juventus	3	3	1	15	7	9
Torino	4	1	2	10	5	9
Napoli	3	2	2	10	7	8
Genoa	2	4	1	9	8	8

SWITZERLAND

Basle 4 Etoile Carouge 0 (half-time 1-0); Lausanne 6 Young Boys Berne 0 (3-0); St Gallen 5 Chenois Geneva 3 (2-1); Servette Geneva 2 Young Fellows Zurich 0 (0-0); Sion 2 Grasshoppers Zurich 2 (1-1); FC Zurich 1 Neuchatel Xamax 1 (1-1).

Standings:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Servette Geneva	6	4	1	29	13	20
Lausanne	9	1	3	30	10	19
Grasshoppers Zurich	8	3	2	39	19	19
FC Zurich	7	3	3	23	18	17
Basle	6	2	5	26	20	14

BELGIUM

Charleroi 1 FC Liegeois 1; Beerschot 2 Courtrai 0; Beveren 0 Boom 0; Waregem 1 Antwerp 0; Lierse 2 Lokeren 4; Standard Liege 4 La Louviere 1; RWD Molenbeek 3 Beringen 1; CS Bruges 0 Anderlecht 1; Winterslag 0 FC Bruges 0.

Standings:

	W	L	D	F	A	P
Standard Liege	8	2	3	30	17	19
FC Bruges	8	3	2	30	21	18
Anderlecht	7	2	4	24	9	18
Beveren	7	3	3	20	10	17
Winterslag	6	2	5	21	12	17

TURKEY

Galatasary 0 Orduspor 0; Fenerbahce 1 Besiktas 0; Diyarbakirspor 2 Trabzonspor 1; Ankaragucu 3 Altay 0; Bursaspor 1 Boluspor 1; Adana D.Spor 3 Eskisehirspor 1; Samsunspor 1 Zonguldakspor 1; Mersin Id Yurdu 1 Adanaspor 0.

Leaders in Turkish soccer league:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fenerbahce	6	1	1	16	6	13
Galatasaray	3	5	1	7	5	11
Altay	4	2	2	12	11	10
Bursaspor	3	3	2	11	7	9
Trabzonspor	3	2	3	10	7	8

HUNGARY

Ujpest Dozsa 0 MTK VM 0; Diosgyor 4 Kaposvar 0; Szombathely 0 Vasas 2; Szeged 1 Pecs 0; Csepel 6 Bekescsaba 1; Budapest Honved 3 Dunaujvaros 2; Videoton 5 Szekesfehervar Mav 2; Zalaegerszeg 0 Tatabanya 0; Raba Eto 1 Ferencvaros 2.

Leading standings after 10th round:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ujpest Dozsa	6	4	0	20	8	16
Vasas	7	1	2	22	9	15
MTK VM	6	3	1	16	7	15
Tatabanya	5	3	2	18	13	13
Videoton	5	2	3	29	16	12

ROMANIA

ASA TG Mures 1 Jiul 0; Steaua 2 Timisoara Politehnica 2; Petrolul 0 CS Tyrnogoviste 0; Politehnica Jassy 2 FCM Resitza 0; FC Olimpia 2 Sportul Studentesc 0; FC Constanta 2 UT Arad 1; FC Bihor 2 Dinamo 1; SC Bacau 3 FC Arges 1; Universitatea Craiova 1 Corvinul Hunedoarra 1.

ASA TG Mures heads the table with 16 points, followed by Sportul Studentesc 14 and FC Arges 13.

AUSTRIA

Rapid 2 Sturm Graz 2; Voest Linz 3 Wiener Sportclub Post 3; SSW Innsbruck 1 Admira Wacker 1; Vienna 1 Austrian Wien 2; Grazer AK 0 Linzer Ask 0.

Leading standings after 12th round:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Austrian Wien	8	3	1	28	15	19
SSW Innsbruck	6	3	3	16	8	15
Rapid	5	4	3	24	14	14
Sturm Graz	5	3	4	23	21	13
Vienna	5	2	5	13	16	12

EAST GERMANY

Sachsenring Zwickau 0 Karl-Marx-Stadt 0; Wismut Aue 1 Wismut Gera 2; Dynamo Dresden 1 Magdeburg 0; Carl Zeiss Jena 2 Chemie Boehlen 1; Chemie Halle 3 Rot-Weiss Erfurt 0; Dynamo Berlin 4 Vorwaerts Frankfurt/Oder 1.

Leading positions:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dresden	8	1	0	26	9	17
Magdeburg	7	0	2	22	7	14
Halle	4	3	2	18	9	11
Lok Leipzig	4	2	2	19	10	10
Dynamo Berlin	4	2	3	20	14	10

Nov. 6, Union Berlin today beat Lok Leipzig 1-0 in their ninth round East German first division soccer match, putting the Berlin team one place ahead of Leipzig at fourth position in the league standings.

WEST GERMANY

Borussia Moenchengladbach 6 1.FC Saarbruecken 1; MSV Duisburg 6 Bayern Munich 3; Borussia Dortmund 2 Schalke 04 1; Hamburger SV 3 VFL Bochum 1; VFB Stuttgart 1 FC St. Pauli 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 2 1.FC Cologne 2; TSV 1860 Muenchen 0 Werder Bremen 0; Hertha BSC Berlin 1 Eintracht Braunschweig 0.

WEST GERMAN BUNDESLIGA

	W	D	L	F	A	P
FC Koeln	9	1	4	43	23	19
Schalke 04	7	4	3	22	21	18
Moenchengladbach	7	3	4	32	23	17
* Kaiserslautern	7	3	3	24	18	17
* Duesseldorf	7	2	4	21	15	16
VFB Stuttgart	7	2	5	21	19	16
Hamburger SV	7	2	5	24	24	16
Frankfurt	7	1	6	30	23	15
Dortmund	7	1	6	27	27	15
Hertha BSC	6	3	5	18	21	15
Duisburg	5	4	5	29	27	14
Braunschweig	7	0	7	21	23	14
Saarbruecken	5	3	6	19	26	13
Bayern Muenchen	4	4	6	30	31	12
Werder Bremen	4	3	7	17	28	11
VFL Bochum	4	2	8	16	17	10
St. Pauli	4	1	9	25	33	9
1860 Muenchen	0	3	11	10	31	3

* Kaiserslautern v. Duesseldorf result not received.

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND NTH. IRELAND

Andy Gray's two goals for Aston Villa against champions Liverpool have taken him to the top of the English first division scoring charts with 12 goals in league and league cup matches.

Leading scorers: FIRST DIVISION: 12— Andy Gray (Aston Villa); 11 — Peter Withe (Nottingham Forest); 10 — Mick Ferguson (Coventry City), Ray Hankin (Leeds United), Bob Latchford (Everton), Ian Wallace (Coventry).

SECOND DIVISION: 12 — Mike Flanagan (Charlton Athletic); 11 — Bob Hatton (Blackpool); 10 — Peter Ward (Brighton).

THIRD DIVISION: David Kemp (Portsmouth); 11 — Bob Gough (Colchester United), Thomas Tynan (Sheffield Wednesday), Denny Westwood (Gillingham).

FOURTH DIVISION: 10 — Jim Lumby (Scunthorpe United), Stephen Phillips (Brentford), George Reilly (Northampton Town), Ted Woods (Newport County).

RESULTS

DIVISION ONE: Airdrieonians 2 East Fife 1; Hearts 1 Kilmarnock 2; Morton 2 Montrose 2; Queen of the South 1 Dumbarton 0; St. Johnston 0 Alloa 1; Stirling Albion 0 Dundee 2; Arbroath 2 Hamilton Academicals 1.

DIVISION TWO: Brechin 0 Forfar 0; Dunfermline 3 Cowdenbeath 3; Falkirk 2 East Stirling 3; Raith Rovers 3 Stenhousemuir 0; Stranraer 3 Albion 5; Meadowbank 0 Berwick 2 (played earlier); Clyde 0 Queens Park 1.

NORTHERN IRISH: Gold Cup — Cliftonville 1 Ballymena 2; Coleraine 0 Glentoran 2; Distillery 2 Ards 0; Larne 3 Crusaders 1; Linfield 0 Bangor 0; Portadown 2 Glenavon 3.

FRIDAY GAMES

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Southend 0 Barnsley 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Meadowbank 0 Berwick 2.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nott For	14	6	1	0	17	2	4	1	2	11	7	22
Everton	14	3	3	1	13	9	4	2	1	14	5	19
WBA	14	6	1	0	17	4	2	2	3	10	12	19
Coventry	14	4	2	1	14	9	4	1	2	11	9	19
Liverpool	14	5	1	1	11	2	2	3	2	6	8	18
Man City	14	5	1	1	14	5	2	2	3	10	10	17
Arsenal	14	5	2	0	11	2	2	1	4	6	7	17
Aston Villa	14	4	0	3	10	8	3	3	1	10	8	17
Norwich	14	5	2	0	10	4	1	3	3	8	16	17
Ipswich	14	5	1	1	11	6	0	4	3	3	9	15
Birmingham	14	4	1	2	12	9	2	1	4	7	13	14
Leeds Utd	14	2	4	1	10	9	1	3	3	11	13	13
Middlesbrough	14	3	3	1	10	7	1	2	4	6	13	13
Wolves	14	2	2	3	11	11	2	2	3	9	10	12
Man United	13	3	1	2	8	6	2	1	4	9	13	12
Chelsea	14	3	3	2	7	5	1	1	4	2	8	12
Derby County	14	1	4	2	9	8	2	1	4	7	13	11
QPR	14	2	2	3	9	12	0	4	3	7	10	10
West Ham	14	0	4	3	6	11	2	1	4	9	12	9
Bristol City	13	2	2	2	11	12	0	2	5	1	7	8
Newcastle	14	2	1	4	9	13	0	1	6	8	18	6
Leicester	14	1	2	4	3	12	0	2	5	1	12	6

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bolton	14	6	1	0	14	6	3	3	1	9	6	22
Tottenham	14	7	0	0	26	4	2	3	2	7	8	21
Blackpool	14	4	2	1	13	7	3	2	2	10	9	18
Blackburn	14	5	1	1	11	5	2	3	2	7	9	18
Brighton	14	5	1	1	16	9	2	2	3	8	8	17
Southampton	14	5	2	0	13	5	2	1	4	8	12	17
Luton	14	5	2	0	13	2	2	0	5	10	12	16
Crystal Pal	14	2	2	3	11	11	3	3	1	11	6	15
Charlton	13	5	1	0	18	9	0	4	3	6	15	15
Sunderland	14	3	2	2	10	7	1	4	2	10	14	14
Sheffield Utd	14	5	1	1	14	8	0	3	4	7	15	14
Hull	14	3	2	2	7	3	1	3	3	5	8	13
Stoke	14	4	1	2	9	6	0	4	3	4	8	13
Orient	14	3	3	1	12	11	1	2	4	5	8	13
Fulham	14	2	4	1	15	9	1	1	5	5	11	11
Notts County	14	2	4	1	9	7	1	1	5	9	18	11
Oldham	14	3	3	1	8	6	0	2	5	6	16	11
Cardiff	13	3	3	1	9	7	0	2	4	3	14	11
Bristol Rovers	14	3	4	1	12	6	0	1	5	6	21	11
Mansfield	14	2	2	3	10	10	1	2	4	7	12	10
Millwall	14	1	4	1	6	6	1	2	5	5	10	10
Burnley	14	1	3	3	5	7	0	0	7	4	21	5

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wrexham	16	6	3	0	18	7	2	2	3	7	9	21
Shrewsbury	16	5	2	1	21	8	3	2	3	12	14	20
Tranmere	16	5	2	1	16	7	3	1	4	9	8	19
Preston	16	6	2	0	14	6	0	5	3	2	7	19
Gillingham	16	4	3	1	15	9	2	3	3	14	16	18
Rotherham	16	4	3	1	9	4	2	3	3	14	17	18
Peterborough	16	4	4	0	10	5	2	2	4	3	9	18
Colchester	16	4	3	1	14	5	2	2	4	8	10	17
Exeter	16	4	1	3	12	8	3	2	3	9	10	17
Walsall	16	3	2	3	11	9	2	5	1	7	8	17
Bury	15	3	4	1	8	6	2	3	2	9	10	17
Swindon	16	6	2	1	21	7	0	2	5	6	15	16
Oxford	16	5	1	1	11	5	1	3	5	12	16	16
Cambridge	16	5	1	1	15	7	1	3	4	5	15	16
Chesterfield	16	5	2	1	10	3	1	1	6	5	13	15
Plymouth	16	2	3	3	11	11	2	3	3	7	10	14
Hereford	16	4	2	2	9	6	0	4	4	2	11	14
Chester	16	3	4	0	11	6	0	4	5	6	18	14
Lincoln	16	3	2	3	10	10	2	1	5	6	9	13
Bradford	16	3	3	2	14	10	1	2	5	4	13	13
Port Vale	15	2	4	2	7	8	1	3	3	7	14	13
Sheffld Wed	16	3	3	2	8	5	0	3	5	8	15	12
Carlisle	16	2	4	2	11	11	1	2	5	6	12	12
Portsmouth	15	1	4	2	8	10	1	3	4	5	15	11

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rangers	12	4	1	1	15	9	4	1	1	14	7	18
Aberdeen	12	3	2	1	9	6	4	1	1	11	5	17
Dundee Utd	12	3	0	3	8	7	3	2	1	7	2	14
Partick	12	4	1	1	7	7	2	1	3	11	11	14
Celtic	12	3	1	2	8	6	2	0	4	9	11	11
St. Mirren	12	2	2	2	8	10	2	1	3	10	10	11
Motherwell	12	3	1	3	13	11	1	1	3	4	6	10
Hibernian	12	2	1	2	5	3	2	0	5	5	9	9
Ayr	12	3	0	3	8	8	1	1	4	6	15	9
Clydebank	12	2	1	3	6	13	0	2	4	3	11	7

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Morton	15	5	2	2	20	13	6	0	0	13	3	24
Dundee	15	4	1	2	12	8	5	1	2	15	11	20
Dumbarton	15	6	1	0	17	4	1	3	4	10	14	18
Hearts	15	6	0	2	16	9	1	4	2	15	17	18
Stirling A	15	2	2	3	11	12	5	2	1	13	10	18
St. Johnstone	15	3	1	3	8	7	4	2	2	12	14	17
Hamilton	15	5	1	1	19	11	2	1	5	8	12	16
Arbroath	15	3	3	2	14	13	1	3	3	6	11	14
Queen of the South	15	4	2	2	13	12	1	2	4	7	12	14
Montrose	15	1	3	4	8	10	3	2	2	13	10	13
Airdrie	15	3	2	3	10	9	2	1	4	9	13	13
Kilmarnock	15	1	3	3	8	10	3	1	4	9	9	12
East Fife	15	2	2	3	10	10	0	1	7	9	23	7
Alloa	15	0	2	5	10	19	1	2	5	8	17	6

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	HOME					AWAY					
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Falkirk	15	3	2	2	12	11	6	2	0	13	4	22
Berwick	15	4	4	0	17	7	4	1	2	15	9	21
Clyde	15	5	2	1	15	6	2	3	2	8	8	19
Albion Rovers	15	3	2	3	11	8	5	1	1	18	13	19
Raith	15	4	3	0	11	5	2	4	2	8	9	19
Stranraer	15	4	1	3	15	13	3	2	2	12	9	17
Dunfermline	15	5	1	1	15	5	1	3	4	7	14	16
Forfar	15	5	0	2	16	9	2	1	5	5	12	15
Cowdenbeath	15	3	1	3	15	14	2	3	3	16	19	14
E Stirling	15	2	1	4	7	14	3	1	4	11	14	12
Queenspark	15	2	3	3	6	10	1	3	3	10	16	12
Meadowbank	15	1	2	4	6	10	2	2	4	11	15	10
Stenhousemuir	15	1	5	2	15	16	0	1	6	4	18	8
Brechin	15	2	1	5	13	14	0	1	6	4	14	6

LEAGUE OF IRELAND

Sligo Rovers 3 Shelbourne 0; St. Patrick's Athletic 2 Waterford 1; Galway Rovers 1 Cork Celtic 1; Thurles Town 2 Dundalk 6; Cork Alberts 2 Athlone Town 1; Home Farm 0 Fine Harps 1; Drogheda United 0 Limerick 0; Bohemians 3 Shamrock Rovers 0.

Melbourne's George Calfo (right) clears the ball away from Waverley's Mick Loh in the Victorian Federation Cup final which Waverley won 2-1 last Sunday.

Slavia goalkeeper Peter Clarke (left) and defender Andy Miller go up to stop George Cross players George Laurie (No. 5) and Ken Reed (No. 9) in the Victorian State League Cup final. George Cross won 2-1.